



Kingdom of God 1

Week 5:

The Kingdom in the New Testament (3)

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Bringing in the Kingdom

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Two questions:-

- Is there a trigger mechanism that makes the in-breaking of the Kingdom into this present age more likely?
- Do the same trigger mechanisms apply when Jesus is physically present, and when he is present through the Holy Spirit?

Jesus personifies the Kingdom

- The coming of the kingdom is the 'becoming present' of the rule of God
- End of the age rule breaking into the present
- Twofold New testament witness that Jesus is the personification of that coming
- To say 'kingdom come' is to say 'come Lord Jesus'

New testament witness (1)

Jesus the Messiah

- Jewish title for king - 'the anointed one'
 - Did Jesus see himself as the Messiah?
- Greater than David and Solomon (Mk 12:35-37, Mt 12:42)
- Triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11)
- Trial before Caiaphas (Matt 26:63-63)
- Trial before Pilate (Mt 27:11)
- Notice on the cross (Jn 19:19-20)

YES!

New testament witness (2)

Jesus, the announcer of the Kingdom

- Kerygma = proclamation, keryx = herald, messenger
 - NT writers used this word to describe Jesus' ministry
 - When Jesus spoke, eschatological events took place
- announcement of the kingdom (Mk 1:14-15)
- demonstration (Mk 1:23-34)
- Jesus only had to 'speak a word' (Mt 8:8)

The Great Announcement!

- The words & the works announced the Kingdom
- Announcement was the trigger mechanism
- Jesus expected the disciples to make the same announcement
- Jesus expected the coming of the kingdom to continue, through Pentecostal power
- This is the link between then and now
- Announcement remains the trigger mechanism
- Important for us in the Vineyard

Kingdom Expectation

- Great expectations! (Mt 6:9-10)
- What inspires expectant prayer?
 1. Biblical revelation
 - prophetic promises of scripture
 - knowing God
 2. Experience
 - biblical
 - church
 - personal

Kingdom Prayer

- Not about how much we pray
- A specific prayer - 'Your kingdom come'
- e.g. Acts 4:29-30
- Prayer and expectation work together

Kingdom Announcement

- Jesus' commission
- Jesus Mk 1:14-15 & Lk 4:16-21
- The twelve Mt 10:1-10 & Lk 9:1-6
- The 70/72 Lk 10:1-9
- Reiterated!! Mt 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11
- **This is Jesus' commission to us!!**
- What's the implication?

How do we practically do this?

- Expectation leads to prayer, which leads to announcement
- Spiritual gifts
- Omnipresence and manifest presence of God
- 'Come Holy Spirit' = 'Let your kingdom come'
- Faith = o-b-e-d-i-e-n-c-e to Jesus' commission
- What next?
- Wait for God to intervene, and if necessary, wait some more!!
- Faith = r-i-s-k

Two questions:-

- Is there a trigger mechanism that makes the in-breaking of the Kingdom into this present age more likely?
 - **Announcement or proclamation**
- Do the same trigger mechanisms apply when Jesus is physically present, and when he is present through the Holy Spirit?
- 'Kingdom come' = 'come Lord Jesus' = 'come Holy Spirit'



Acts of the Kingdom

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The facts of Acts

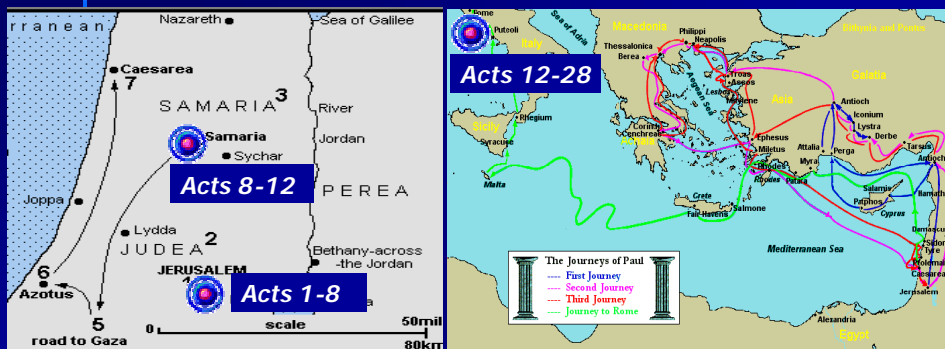
- **When?** ■ 60-70 AD
- **Who?** ■ Luke, doctor and gentile
- **What?** ■ Book 2 of 2 in Luke's series
- **Why?** ■ 'Orderly' and sacred history
 - Gentiles and Jews
 - Basis for faith
 - Central importance of Jesus
 - Reliance on the Spirit
 - Encouragement in persecution
 - Apologetic and defence

Executive summary: 1:1-1:11

What Jesus did and taught (1)

- Jesus was raised from the dead (2-3)
- Jesus spoke of the Kingdom and gave instructions (2-3, 6-7)
 - Receive the Holy Spirit and his power (4,5,8)
 - Be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Samaria, ends of the earth (8)
- Jesus ascended to heaven (2, 9-11)
- Jesus will return, in the same way (11)

Jerusalem – Samaria – Beyond



A dramatic night sky with dark, heavy clouds and a bright, jagged lightning bolt striking down from the right side. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a tree on the left and a mountain range in the distance.

Acts of

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Apostles
- Church
- You and me

A vibrant sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow. In the foreground, there are dark, rocky outcrops in the water.

Summary of Kingdom 1 in Acts

- Promises of the Kingdom
- Pictures of the Kingdom
- Centrality of Christ
- Mystery of the Kingdom
- Implications, Bringing in the Kingdom

God reigns: every aspect of his character, will and power is breaking through

- Eternal
- Immortal
- Invisible
- Spirit
- All knowing
- All present
- All powerful
- Good and perfect
- Loving and righteous
- Creator
- King

Example #1: Pentecost

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| ■ Expectation | ■ Jesus said 'wait, you will receive power' (1:4) |
| ■ Prayer | ■ 'They met continually for prayer' (1:14) |
| ■ Break-through | ■ Rushing wind, tongues of fire, filled with Spirit (2:1-4) |
| ■ Proclamation | ■ 'Jesus sits on the throne of highest honour in heaven at God's right hand .. he is Lord and Messiah' (2:32, 36) |
| ■ Results | ■ Repentance, conversion, miracles, signs, wonders, mercy ministry, praise (2:41-47), typically also persecution! (4:1, 6:12, 8:1, etc.) |