

THE KINGDOM OF GOD PART 1
“SUBJECTS AND THEIR KING”
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 3 & 4
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INTRODUCTION

- Matthew 3:1-2, “...John the Baptist...began preaching. His message was, ²‘Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near...’ ”
- The way of Jesus is a way of living, living for a King.
- Next several weeks we will explore the nature of the Kingdom of God, what it is, and how we are part of it.

I. A KINGDOM WITH A MESSAGE

- Matthew 4:23-24, “Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee...announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And He healed every kind of disease and illness...”
- Jesus preached, “The good news of the Kingdom.”
- The Kingdom is more concerned with doing through you than for you!
- But God will not do more through you than He has done in you.
- John 3:3, Jesus replied, “...unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”
- Jesus came that we might have a visible image of what it meant to be a servant and subject of the Kingdom!

II. THE KINGDOM AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Kingdom of God language is not found in the Old Testament, but God is identified as the King.

- Psalm 103:19, “The LORD has made the heavens His throne; from there He rules over everything.”
- Deuteronomy 33:5, “The LORD became king in Israel...”
- When it comes to following the King’s way, we lose our primary identity as His subjects, as His children.
- Like Israel, we want a Savior without being His subjects.
- God is and was committed to bringing things back under His rulership, in His way not ours.
- His rulership brings us to following the way of Jesus, and following Jesus always starts with surrender.

III. JESUS, THE KINGDOM AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Jesus, God in a body, from beginning seen as royalty.
- Luke 1:31-33, “...He will reign over Israel forever; His Kingdom will never end!”
- Jesus’ death and resurrection were for more than simply salvation.
- Shalom = Peace, welfare, wholeness, salvation, complete restoration of creation
- God sent His Son, Jesus, to restore both rulership and relationship.
- Luke 17:20-21, “...the Kingdom of God is already among you.”
- Kingdom of God is in, around and above all things!

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- John 18:36, Jesus answered, “...my Kingdom is not of this world.”
- We are created to live in a kingdom, which kingdom do you live in?