

JESUS IS KING OVER HIS KINGDOM

1. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- A. Jesus started his mission on earth with a proclamation – “The Kingdom is at hand.” **Mark 1:14-15**
 - I. Meaning its coming is immediate, imminent, within reach, very near or has come near.
 - II. The time is fulfilled and so close that it is upon you. It is so near that its immediacy touches the present.
 - III. In other words, the King is here and He has brought His promised kingdom with Him.
- B. What is the Kingdom? The Kingdom is the rule and reign of God.
 - I. The rule and reign of God over sin, death, affliction, disease, oppression, injustice, and poverty.
 - II. The rule and reign is salvation, deliverance, provision, healing, freedom, righteousness, peace, and joy.
 - III. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. **Matt 12:28**
 - IV. When we pray, "Your Kingdom come," we are praying Heaven to earth.
- C. Jesus is the great eternal King over all.
 - I. He was anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, inaugurating God's kingdom reign on earth.
 - II. His rule and reign is everlasting and unshakable.
 - III. His domain is ever increasing and He has supremacy over all.
 - IV. Jesus advances God's reign throughout every generation and throughout the whole earth today.
 - V. His reign is a government of love.
 - VI. Righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne.
 - VII. From His throne, He intervenes in our lives bringing light to dark places and upholds and governs all that exists: the heavenly places, the angelic hosts, the universe, the earth, every living thing and mankind.

2. THE KINGDOM IS ABOUT JESUS

- A. The Kingdom of God could also simply be described, as “Jesus is King”.
- B. The Kingdom is about Jesus and it must always be about Jesus.
 - I. The Kingdom is therefore relational. To seek first the Kingdom is to seek relationship with the King.
 - II. “*John, I have seen your ministry, would you like to see mine.*” - John Wimber
 - III. The who defines the what. The nature of Jesus defines the character, quality and culture of the Kingdom.
- C. Jesus’ Right to Rule (like the movie 50 first dates – He comes to win the heart of His bride)
 - I. Most kings receive their right to rule from their birthright and the right of succession.
 - II. Jesus could have received His right based on His role in creation. **Colossians 1:16**
 - III. However, Jesus does not assume this right to rule based on these premises.
 - IV. Jesus receives this right by humbling Himself to the point of death. **Philippians 2:8-11**
 - V. Jesus purchases this right with His own blood. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 1:18-19**

3. JESUS AS KING OF KINGS

- A. In the beginning God created man in His image, since then man has been creating god in his image.
 - I. Our minds and hearts need to be transformed by the reality of Jesus and His Kingdom. Who is He?
 - II. This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ. **John 17:3**
 - III. But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me. **Jeremiah 9:24**
 - IV. Knowing about Him will not change you, but knowing Him will transform you. Wet your appetite?
- B. Jesus is a great King over all the earth. **Psalm 47:2**
- C. Jesus is the King of kings. He is Lord of lords and King of kings. **Revelation 17:14**
 - I. Heaven is His throne, from which proceed judgments. His judgments are righteous and bring justice.
 - II. A few years ago, I saw His throne resting on Journey. **Daniel 7:9-10, Isaiah 6:1, Revelation 4:2-5**
 - III. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. **Psalm 97:2**
 - IV. His throne (government of love/cheched) is established in love, kindness, mercy and goodness. **Is 16:5**
- D. He is King forever. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible. **1 Timothy 1:17**
 - I. The LORD is King forever and ever. **Psalm 10:16**
 - II. The increase of His government shall have no end. **Isaiah 9:6-7**. There will be no end to His kingdom.
 - III. His is an everlasting Kingdom. **Luke 1:33, Heb 1:8**. An unshakable Kingdom. **Heb 12:28**
 - IV. And no end to the increase of His government and peace. His government is a government of love.
- E. As King – He has always been King and will always be King. He is the Alpha and Omega. **Revelation 1:8**
- F. As King – He is King over His Kingdom. *Exousia* – right to rule, the power of rule or government.

- I. He has all authority. "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." **Matthew 28:18**
- G. As King - He is beautiful, majestic, awesome, powerful and Almighty. **Revelation 4, 11, 15, 16 and 21.**
 - I. David, "One thing I have desired of the Lord....to behold the beauty of the Lord." **Psalm 27:4**
 - II. The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty. **Psalm 93:1**, echoed in **Psalm 45:4, Isaiah 33:21**
 - III. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Is 9:6**
 - IV. The LORD your God is God of gods & Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome. **Deut 10:17**
- H. As King - He is a warrior King who overcomes. **Revelation 19:11-21, Revelation 17:14, Psalm 45**
- I. As King – He is the One who saves and rescues. He is Savior.
 - I. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2:11**

4. REVELATION OF JESUS

- A. Revelation of Jesus changes us – it gives us power to do what He has called us to do.
 - I. Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **1 Peter 1:13**
- B. Jesus is a seeking, inviting and rescuing King.
 - I. Jesus came to rescue broken people and demonstrate this is always His heart.
 - II. Those He embraced, forgave and charged were some of the most broken individuals.
 - III. People that were despised, sinners, foreigners, strangers, outcasts, the poor and the forgotten.
- C. When the church steps into the footsteps of Jesus, she gives herself to the outcast, the poor and the sinner.
 - I. Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway. **Psalm 85:13**
 - II. Righteousness and justice go before His face and establishes a road from His footstep. **Literal**

5. MINISTRY

- A. Release and taste the kingdom. Taste and see that He is good. **Psalm 34:8**
- B. Receive the kingdom, bless what the Father is doing and release the kingdom to others.
 - I. Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. **John 5:19**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-15 (NKJV) Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Colossians 1:16 (NKJV) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Philippians 2:8-11 (NKJV) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV) Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Acts 20:28 (NKJV)the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NKJV) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Revelation 1:8 (NKJV) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 19:11-21 (NKJV) Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Revelation 17:14(NKJV) "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

1. PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE

- A. What is the primary message that God wants to emphasize? *Jesus is King over His Kingdom*
 - I. What is working against this message? *Unbelief and fear of failure.*
 - II. What is hindering me specifically from being released fully to give this message?
- B. What does God want to accomplish in this group of people? *Understanding of & Encounter with the Kingdom*
- C. If there was one thing God wanted every person to take away with them what would that be? *Taste & Hunger*
- D. What is God declaring over this group of people? *They are to be a people well equipped to discern and release the kingdom of God by understanding the Father's heart, the desire of Heaven and the beauty of Jesus.*
 - I. What is unique about their purpose, gifting, identity and calling? *Generous, risk taking, freely they have received and they will freely give.*
- E. What aspects of the Kingdom do You specifically want to release to/through these people? *Presence*
- F. The purpose of this message is to: *equip the church we and understanding and desire for Kingdom advance.*

2. KEY SCRIPTURES

- A. What is the overall key Scripture that He wants to emphasize? *The kingdom is at hand. Mark 1:14-15*
- B. Are there any supporting Scriptures? What are they? *Matt 12:28, Revelation 17:14, 1 Peter 1:13, Psalm 85:13*

3. FORMAT

- A. Am I preaching or teaching? *A bit of both*
- B. Is there an opportunity for a panel discussion? *No*
- C. Is there an opportunity for a workshop to immediate practice and activate what has been learned? *Yes*
- D. Would a fireside chat, allowing people to ask questions of the subject matter be helpful? *Not today.*

4. MAIN THEME

- A. The main theme of this message is: *Jesus is King over His Kingdom and that Kingdom is at hand. He is advancing and we can walk in His footsteps.*

5. OVERVIEW OF THE MESSAGE

- A. An overview of this message would be: *Jesus is King over His Kingdom, it is near, and we are to give it away.*
- B. How can I best communicate the theme of the message? *Talk about Jesus as King and invite the Kingdom.*
- C. Introduction: *The Kingdom is at hand, Intro to the Kingdom and what is the Kingdom*
- D. What are the key points of the message? *The kingdom, Jesus as King, Revelation of Jesus*
- E. What revelation of God will provide for the need at hand? *Jesus as King*
- F. Do I have a testimony that conveys the main theme of my message?
- G. Do I have any other testimonies that provide insight into any of the key points of my message?
- H. How can I best convey this message? Humor, sincerity, honesty, etc.
- I. Conclusion: *When we as the church begins to recognize Him and walk in His footsteps, we will give the kingdom away freely.*
- J. What steps do I need to communicate to convey the theme and transition into ministry? *Taste and See*

6. MINISTRY TIME

- A. What does the Lord want to do during ministry time? *Release His Kingdom.*
 - I. *Experience His dynamic, tangible, and empowering Presence.*

- B. “What aspects of the Kingdom do You specifically want to release to/through these people?” *His presence.*
- C. “How do You want to release the Kingdom in this place?” *Declaration, the word, and impartation.*
- D. Is there an opportunity for impartation? *Yes*
- E. Does anyone need healing? How does the Lord want to heal? *Ask*
- F. Is there anyone that needs an invitation to salvation or to receive/taste the kingdom? *Ask*