

“Not only is Jesus Messiah, but Jesus over and over in the New Testament is the one true Eikon (Image Bearer) of God. What the apostles were telling us is that the assignment God gave Adam, the assignment transferred to Abraham, Israel, and Moses, and then to David has now been transferred to and perfectly fulfilled by Jesus...I have but one more point to make here, and it takes the messianic and kingly assignment that Jesus alone accomplished perfectly and amazingly assigns it back to us — the people of God, this time seen in Revelation 5:9-10”

— Scot McKnight in “The King Jesus Gospel”

Revelation 5:9–10 ^(NIV) And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a **kingdom and priests to serve our God**, and they will reign on the earth.”

Revelation 1:5-6

The Cost of Following Jesus

Luke 12:29–34 ^(NIV) ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:33 ^(NIV) ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:9-13

Luke 14:25–27, 33 ^(NIV) ²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple...³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

“Jesus is saying, “Knowing me, loving me, resembling me, serving me must become the supreme passion of your life. Everything else comes second.” Jesus is not calling us to hate actively; he’s calling us to hate comparatively. He says, “I want you to follow me so fully, so intensely, so enduringly that all other attachments in your life look like hate by comparison.” If you say, “I’ll obey you, Jesus, if my career thrives, if my health is good, if my family is together,” then the thing that’s on the other side of that if is your real master, your real goal. But Jesus will not be a means to an end; he will not be used. If he calls you to follow him, he must be the goal.”

—Tim Keller in “Jesus The King

“The Kingdom is Here”

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Mark 1:14-15 ^(NIV) ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the **good news** of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The **kingdom** of God has come near. **Repent** and **believe** the **good news!**”

“The Kingdom of God is best understood as the kingship, or sovereign and saving rule, of Israel’s God, Yahweh...Jesus’ invitation to people to ‘enter’ the kingdom was a way of summoning them to allegiance to himself and his program, seen as the start of God’s long-awaited saving reign.”

—N.T. Wright in “The Gospel of Mark For Everyone”

Matthew 16:15–23 ^(NIV) ¹⁵ “But what about you?” He (*Jesus*) asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this **rock** I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **“Never, Lord!”** he said. “This shall never happen to you!” ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, **“Get behind me, Satan!** You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely **human concerns.**”

Humanity Is At Odds With The King and His Kingdom

Genesis 3:1–2, 7, 14-15 ^(NIV) ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ² Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁷ So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁴ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 6:5 ^(NIV) The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. Proverbs 14:12, Jeremiah 17:9

John 3:19 ^(NIV) This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Ephesians 2:1–3 ^(NIV) As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

James 4:4, Colossians 1:21

Jesus Defeats Satan, Sin, Death, & Our Rebellion

1 John 3:8 ^(NIV) The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Acts 10:38 ^(NIV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Hebrews 2:14–15 ^(NIV) Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Ephesians 1:19–23 ^(NIV) ...That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church...

Romans 8:1-4

Colossians 2:9–15 ^(NASB) For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form...and He is the head over all rule and authority...having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having **triumphed** over them through Him

Revelation 1:18

What is Our Response?

John 3:3 ^(NIV) Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” John 1:12-13

Romans 10:9 ^(NIV) If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Matthew 16:24-26 ^(NIV) Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and take up their **cross** and **follow me**. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

Ephesians 4:22–24 ^(NIV) You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 12:1-2

Jesus Has Given Us His Mission!

Matthew 10:7–8 ^(NIV) As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Luke 10:1-9

Matthew 28:18–20 ^(NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 24:14 ^(NIV) And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

2 Corinthians 5:17, 20 ^(NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.