



Entrance of the King and the Kingdom

Matthew 4:17

"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luke 4:43

"but He said to them, I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

Both these portions of scripture follow Jesus temptation in the wilderness. Satan tempted Jesus to compromise His assignment just as he had Adam and Eve. *Jesus came declaring the arrival of a kingdom, not a religion.*

What is a kingdom - What does it mean?

Kingdom = basileia = royalty, rule, a realm (King - dominion).

Jesus brought a government - the King's dominion to the earth. Jesus operated from a Kingdom mindset. Take a moment to look at the following verses.

Matthew 12:28

"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the **kingdom of God** has come upon you."

Matthew 24:14

"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."

Luke 8:1

"Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the **glad tidings of the kingdom of God**. And the twelve were with Him."

Luke 9:11

"But the crowds learned about it and followed Him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the **kingdom of God**, and healed those who needed healing."

Luke 12:31,32; Luke 16:16; Luke 18:17; Luke 22:29

Jesus was an ambassador from Heaven. An ambassador is a political appointee whose job is to represent and speak for his or her home government before the rulers of other countries. A good ambassador never speaks his or her personal opinion (Myles Munroe, pg. 101). Take a few minutes and look up the following verses.

John 5:17-19, 30; John 8:26-29; John 10:37-38; John 12:49-50; John 14:7-12

Jesus brought a Kingdom not a religion. He proclaimed the reign and rule of God - not religious ideas. Wow! What a message He proclaimed and has now entrusted in us to proclaim.

Let's proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand...

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