

Join the Journey

1. Jesus came to earth to restore what Adam lost, and He brought a kingdom message. Jesus came to reestablish the government of God on earth and to reinstate His earthly kings to their rightful place of dominion.

Colossians 1:15

"He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

Image = eikon = image (2 ways to look at this word - representation or a re-presentation/manifestation). This word speaks of Jesus as the manifestation of God. To see what God is like we must look at Jesus. He perfectly represents God to man in a form man can see, know, and understand. This word image is used in Genesis 1:26-27. Man was meant to be the image of God but sin marred it. Now Jesus has come not only to reveal to us what God is; but also shows us what man was meant to be. Here is manhood as God designed it. Jesus is the perfect manifestation of God and the perfect manifestation of man. There is in Jesus Christ the revelation of godhead and the revelation of manhood.

God's plan was to send Messiah King to redeem, restore, and reconnect man to heaven's government once again. To reveal how man was to live as Heaven's earthly representatives.

1. The key to fulfilled and purposeful living is discovering how to regain our place of dominion, to return to our position of leadership in the earthly domain as God originally intended. (*Rediscovering the Kingdom, Myles Munroe*)
 - As believers we are children of the King. The first step is learning how to think and act like the King's children. We need to think like royalty and stop thinking like prodigals (pigpen mentality).
 - By His design we are rulers over the earthly domain. We were born to dominate earth. This was not man's idea but God's. He gave us the assignment (Psalm 115:16)
 - As God's vice-regents on the earth we are the Kingdom of God on earth. We are the ones living under the King's dominion in the earth realm.
 - As His representatives we are called to enforce the rule of heaven in the affairs of man. Jesus is our example of how we are to live.
1. Kingdom's in Conflict
 - The kingdom of darkness is a domain where the king rules by ignorance - not in ignorance, but by ignorance. Satan rules his kingdom of darkness by keeping his subjects in ignorance of the true nature of the environment and of the existence of God's kingdom. He rules through lies and deception. (*Rediscovering the Kingdom, Myles Munroe*)

2 Corinthians 4:4

"whose minds the god of this age (*Satan*) has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Colossians 1:12-14

- Darkness and light - ignorance and knowledge - are opposites that exist in continual conflict with each other. Two separate kingdoms in conflict. Satan's kingdom operates through darkness, ignorance whereas the

Kingdom of God operates through light, truth/revelation knowledge.

- Jesus came to destroy the works of darkness - we are sent to destroy the works of darkness. (I John 3:8)
- Knowledge is at the heart of the conflict between the two kingdoms, because knowledge is where the adversary mounted his first attack on humanity. Satan used deception or a distortion of truth to deceive Eve. He is doing the same to us today. (Genesis 3:1-5) Satan questions what God said and insinuates God is withholding something from man.
- The kingdom of darkness gets its power from that which we do not know. The truth we are ignorant of cannot protect us against Satan's deception. (Isaiah 5:13; Hosea 4:6)

John 14:6

"Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus Christ is our example - He has revealed/manifested God to us but He has also showed us how sons/daughters of the King are to live in the earth realm.

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