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"He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and teaching about the kingdom of God."

-Acts 1:4

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"Seek first..."

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Teachings - Miracles - Parables - Call

Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God can be...





Definition:

The Kingdom of God is the rule of God over the hearts of men and women so they can live in the realm of Divine blessing.

Wherever the King is the Kingdom has come.

The Kingdom is our future hope become a present reality.

The Kingdom is an eternal state and an outward evidence.

The Kingdom is to be received and pursued.



Good News!

The Kingdom HAS come!

"The Hebrew mind thought that all of history was moving toward a goal, the Kingdom of God breaking in. Jesus is saying 'that time is now!"

-Darrell Johnson

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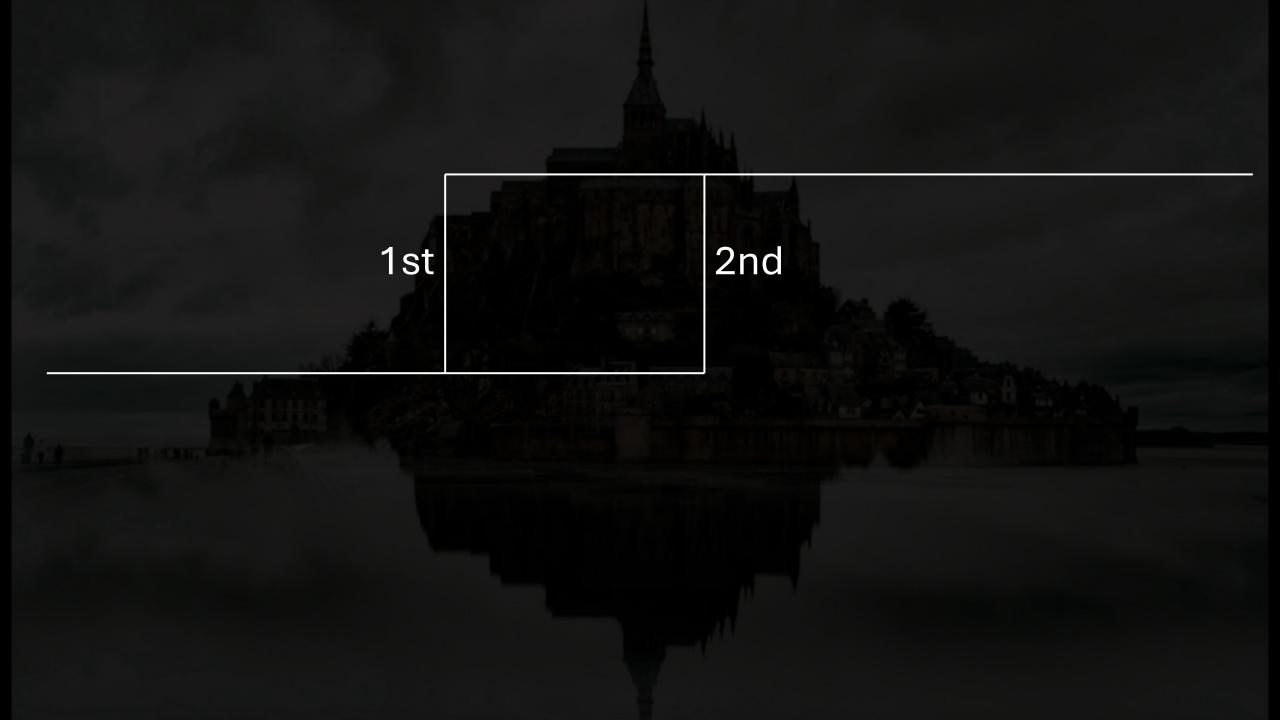
The King comes in Victory!

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1: 13-14

Good News!

The King is with us, therefore the Kingdom is near!



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Already not yet = Hidden vs Visible

Christ the King is here, but here in hidden form. He is veiled. But though he may be hidden, he is fully and completely here. What the Church now awaits is not more of Christ, but rather a manifestation of the fully present Christ in his Glory!

-Charles Cranfield

The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

He replied, "Because the knowledge of the <u>mystery</u> of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.

But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes. Father, for this is what you were pleased to do."

-Matt. 11:25-26







Good News!

An opportunity for change has come because the King has come!



Repent = think differently

God's love has been settled, the KING of kings has come and died to set us FREE!

In a polytheistic syncretistic culture where all gods are considered equal, an unequal display of Jesus' Kingdom power shows He is above all gods.

As Christians no moments are Ordinary; our King is with us, and He has a kingdom agenda.

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How will you respond?

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