

Sermon Title: Hope in Waiting

Sermon Series: Easter – The Road to Hope

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14

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What do we do when we are _____ for God?

Ezekiel 36:25-28 ESV

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Luke 10:11 ESV

‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’

The kingdom of God is the place where Jesus is _____

Luke 19:11 ESV

11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

Jesus shares that the kingdom of God is coming. The disciples think it’s coming completely...here on earth...now.

Acts 1:6 ESV

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:7 ESV

7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

Acts 1:8 ESV

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

When we wait for the king –

1. Keep _____

Acts 1:8 ESV

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

“The only way the kingdom of God is going to be manifest in this world before Christ comes is if we manifest it by the way we live as citizens of heaven and subjects of the King.”

—R.C. Sproul – <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/what-is-kingdom-god>

Life can be hard, it can be tough, but part of what makes waiting, not only bearable, but enjoyable, is a mission while you are waiting...

2. Keep _____

Acts 1:9-11 ESV

9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Jesus' Kingdom is _____ and Not _____

Hebrews 9:28 ESV

28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Acts 1:12-14 ESV

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

3. Keep _____

"Waiting forces me to come to terms with my own weakness. It's what waiting does to all of us: when we can't work harder to get what we want, or when we can't manipulate life to turn out the way we want it to, or when we can't pay enough money or get enough help to achieve what our heart desperately desires, we are left with the truth of our own insufficiency: we are weak. And we aren't in control. Not even a little bit. We have to rely on someone else — on God — to act on our behalf."

—Ann Swindoll — <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-long-have-you-been-waiting>

Luke 11:13 ESV

13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Wait for the king by _____ Jesus as _____