

The Kingdom of God

Part 2

Luke 13

18 Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? **19** It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.”

20 Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to?”

21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

- Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like a Mustard seed; it grows from something small to something great...
- Jesus said it's like yeast it that spreads and works all through the dough...

The Greek Word for Kingdom carries a big meaning:

Kingdom: basileia

1. **royal power, kingship, dominion, rule**

- not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom.

Luke 17

20 Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, **21** nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

When I study through the Bible on the Kingdom of God this is what I find:

1. Jesus Preached the Kingdom

Luke 4:42-43

42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them.

43 But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of **the kingdom of God** to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.”

This the Message Jesus shared with His Disciples:

Mark 4:11

“The secret of **the kingdom of God** has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables.”

Luke 9:2

and he sent them out to proclaim the **kingdom of God** and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:60

Jesus said to one man first wanted to bury his father, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the **kingdom of God.**”

- The Message of the Kingdom of God was such a big deal, Jesus said don't look back and don't worry yourself with anything else...
- From the beginning Jesus came preaching this message; the Kingdom of God is at hand...
- Jesus shares the secrets of the Kingdom with his Disciples...
- Then He sends His Disciples out to preach the Kingdom of God and demonstrate it with healing...

This is the message and the one thing that Jesus and all of his disciples are preaching...

The Kingdom of God is at Hand...

The Kingdom is demonstrated with Power...

Jesus even Prayed...

*“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,*

*your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Matt. 6:9,10

This is what was so beautiful about Jesus’ Ministry...

Jesus didn’t talk about the Kingdom like it was some far away thing...

2. Jesus brought the Kingdom...

- There were times when people were close, but didn’t fully believe...
- Jesus even told His disciples when you come to a town that doesn’t receive you, knock the dust off your feet and say to them, the Kingdom of God has come close to you... Luke 10:11
- But do you remember the story of the woman with the issue of blood?

Mark 5

25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. **26** She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” **29** Immediately her bleeding

stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

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33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you.

- There were people all around Jesus
- Yet Jesus asks who touched me...
- There were a lot of people rubbing shoulders with Jesus but only one person touched Him...

- This woman heard that Jesus was passing by and she didn't just want to hear about it...
- She didn't just want to see Jesus...
- She didn't just want to just come close to Jesus...
- She wanted to touch Jesus and when she did the power of God touched her...

Jesus is the Doorway to the Kingdom...

Jesus was the Doorway then...

And Jesus is the Doorway today...

3. Jesus opens the Doorway of the Kingdom for us

When Jesus met with Nicodemus:

John 3:3,5

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Story: When I saw Jesus in a dream

I've experienced Jesus and the presence of God...

I've experienced his leading...

I've experienced him speaking to me...

The closer we get to God the more things make sense...

Things become simpler...

What doesn't matter fades away...

What matters becomes important...

Romans 14

17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

The Kingdom of God is not about trivial disputes and things...

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...

Lyrics: "Fear is not my Future"

Hello, peace

Hello, joy

Hello, love

Hello, strength

Hello, hope, it's a new horizon

If you're ready for a breakthrough,

Just open up and just receive,

'Cause what He's pouring out is nothing

You've ever seen

Hello, peace
Hello, joy
Hello, love (hello)
Hello, strength (hey)
Hello, hope, it's a new horizon

Closing Song: