



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND POLITICS**
 Series: **Stories of the Kingdom**
 Text: Mark 1:13-14
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*“The time has come,” he said. “The **Kingdom of God is near.** Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:14)*

*From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for **the Kingdom of heaven is near.**” (Mt 4:17).*

*But he said, “I must preach the good news of **the kingdom of God** to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” (Luke 4:43)*

“KINGDOM” appears

- _____ times in Matthew
- _____ times in Mark
- _____ times in Luke
- _____ times in John
- Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven are the same.
- Matthew uses “Kingdom of Heaven” - _____ **times**

The CENTRAL TEACHING of _____!

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

The New Testament refers to the Kingdom of God as a _____

(eschatological) event and a _____ reality. So the Kingdom of God is

Already _____ and Not Yet _____.

“The Kingdom of God is where God reigns and particularly where He reigns over men and women.” K.L. Schmidt

“The sovereign activity of God as king in saving sinners and overcoming evil, and the new order which is thus established.” Silva, M., & Tenney, M. C. (2009). In *The Zondervan Encyclopedia of the Bible*

“The Kingdom of God is His kingship, His rule, His authority.” George Ladd

HOW DOES THE KINGDOM OPERATE IN THIS WORLD

1. YOU _____ JESUS CHRIST YOUR _____ !

- *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water, **he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.** 11 And a voice came from heaven: **“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”** (Mk 1:9–11).*
- **“The time has come,”** he said. **“The Kingdom of God is near.** Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:14)

2. YOU _____ HIS KINGDOM TO COME!

- *This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **your kingdom come,** your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Mt 6:9–10).*
- *For **the kingdom of God** is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of **righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,** 18 because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men. (Ro 14:17–18).*

3. YOU _____ HIS KINGDOM _____ !

- *But **seek first his kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Mt 6:33).*
- *18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, **many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.** 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20 **But our citizenship is in heaven.** And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Php 3:18–21).*