



GOSPEL

FOUNDATIONS

OBJECTIVES

Participants will learn:

- The central message of Jesus and his earliest followers
- Ten key biblical events that shape historic gospel proclamation
- How embodied allegiance to Jesus fits into a gospel-shaped life
- The gospel's benefits for followers of Jesus



6-WEEK TRACK

WEEK 1, 4/26: Jesus's Central Message

WEEK 2, 5/3: Core Gospel Passages & NT Gospel Speeches

WEEK 3, 5/24: Ten Events of the Gospel (Part 1)

WEEK 4, 5/31: Ten Events of the Gospel (Part 2)

WEEK 5, 6/7: Embodied Allegiance to Jesus & Gospel Benefits

WEEK 6, 6/13: Fellowship Meal



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WEEK 1

Jesus's Central Message

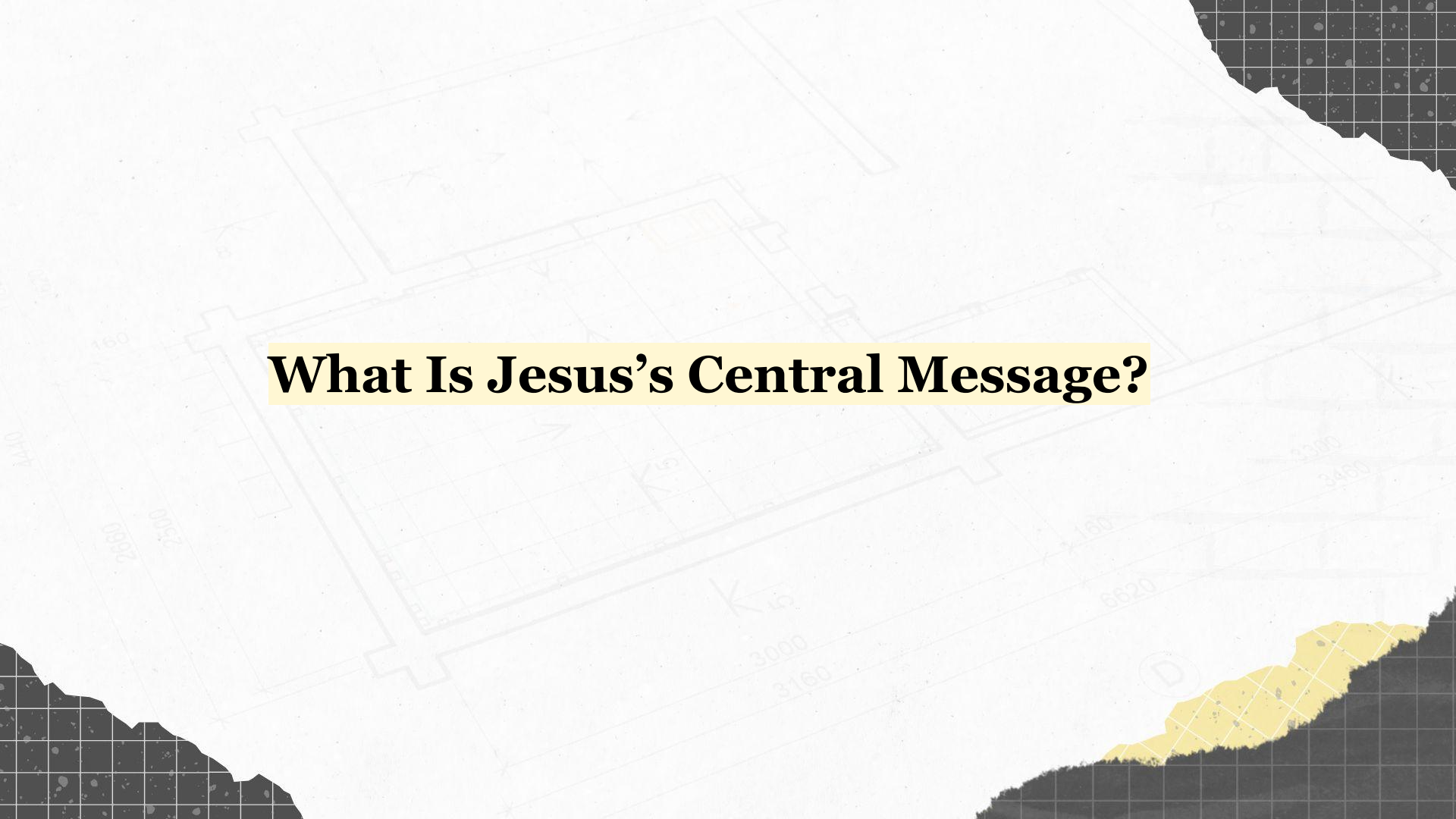
SESSION FOCUS

- What is Jesus's central message?
- Trace the theme of Jesus's central message throughout Scripture
- Specify the the exact message Jesus preached
- Review evidence that Jesus's earliest followers continued his central message

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you define the gospel?
2. What false gospel have you heard recently?



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What Is Jesus's Central Message?

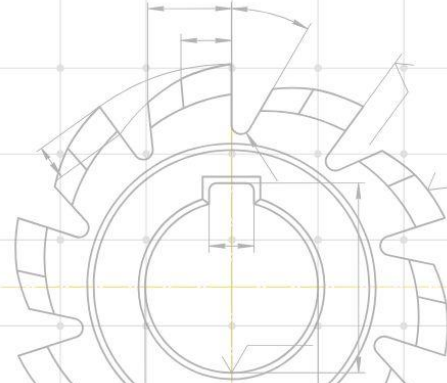
Mark 1:14-15 (CSB)

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The Significance of History

Both **human** history and **Israel's** history provide context for what Jesus is doing to announce and bring the **kingdom of God** near in Mark 1:14–15.

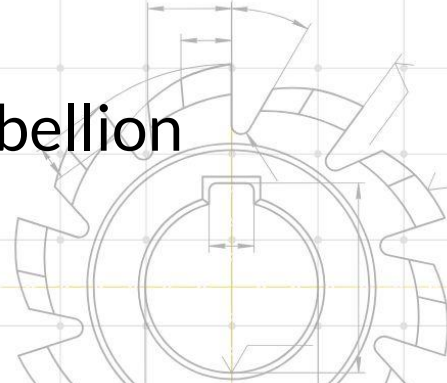


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Kingdom Theme Throughout Scripture

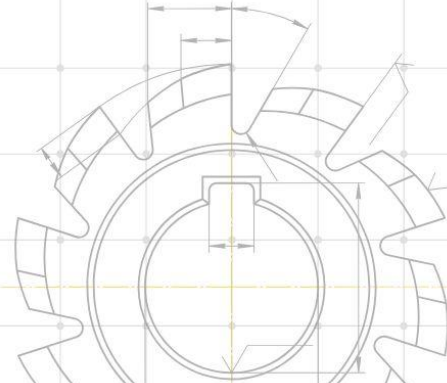
Creation & Eden

- Yahweh's reign as King connected to his actions in creation
 - Ps. 47:2; 93:1-2; 95:3-7
- Yahweh creates humans to rule under his authority
 - Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8
- Humanity carries out this mandate
 - Gen. 2:8-25
- Humans ruin their rulership through sin and rebellion
 - Gen. 3, 6, 11



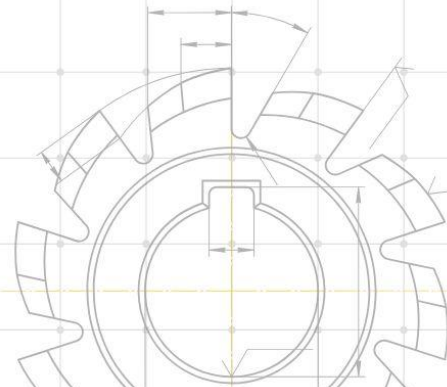
Abraham & Israel

- Starting with Abraham, Yahweh forms a nation to bless all
 - Gen. 12:1–3
- Kingship is part of Yahweh's covenant promise
 - Gen. 17:3–7; 35:9–11
- From Israel, Yahweh forms a kingdom of priests
 - Exod. 19:5–6



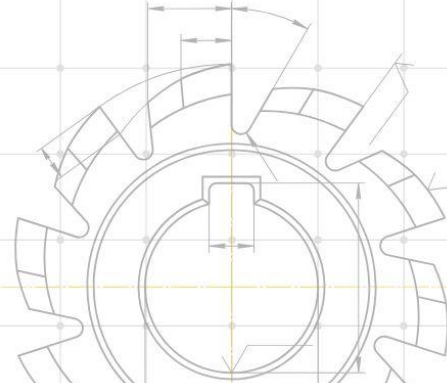
Yahweh's Kingly Covenant and Reign

- Yahweh promises an eternal king in the line of David
 - 2 Sam. 7:12–16; Ps. 2:1–7
- The Prophets expected a Davidic king
 - Isa. 9:6–7; Jer. 23:5–6
- Gospel language in Isaiah highlights Yahweh's reign
 - Isa. 40:9–10, 41:27, 52:7, 61:1



Jesus in the Gospels

- The Gabriel tells Mary of the promised king she would birth
 - Luke 1:26–33
- Jesus proclaims the good news of the kingdom of God
 - Mark 1:14–15



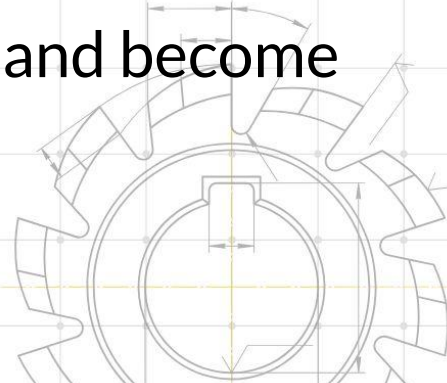
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Jesus in the Gospels (cont'd)

- Jesus proclaims the good news of the kingdom of God
 - Mark 1:14–15
- Jesus is the Messiah renewing Israel and humanity
- “Repent and believe” = “Repent and become loyal”
 - See Josephus, *The Life*, 100.
- “Turn away from your present course of action and become loyal to me.”

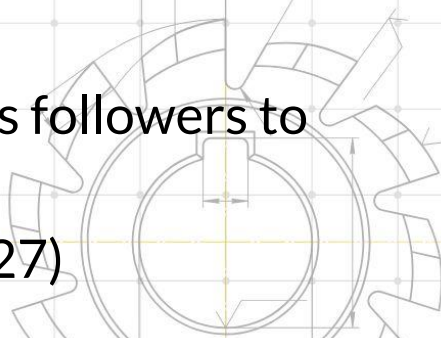


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What Good News Does Jesus Preach?

The Good News of the Kingdom

- Matthew 4:23
 - “Now Jesus began to go all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the good news of the kingdom**, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”
- The Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5–7)
 - **Opening descriptions** of blessings for those being renewed (Matt 5:3-16)
 - **Main body** clarifying Torah misinterpretations for his followers to obey (Matt 5:17-7:12)
 - **Closing invitation** to choose a response (Matt 7:13-27)

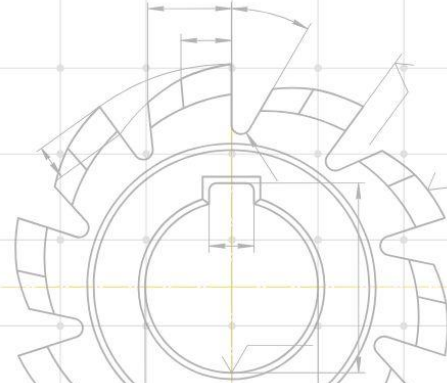


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The First Century Church Preaches the Good News of the Kingdom of God

The First Century Church

- Jesus spoke to his followers about the kingdom of God for over 40 days after his resurrection
 - Acts 1:3
- Phillip preached the goods news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ
 - Acts 8:12
- Paul preached about the kingdom of God
 - Acts 19:8, 20:25; 28:23, 31



NEXT WEEK

Core Gospel Passages & NT Gospel Speeches

