



*The
Scriptures
Proclaim*

*Will
You Follow
King Jesus?*

*God's Kingdom
Is Here*

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God – Part 1

The Prophesied King and His Kingdom

Jacob (Israel) blesses his sons, and Judah is prophetically chosen for the kingly line

David desired to build a house for God, but God built him a "house"

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of kingdoms with Daniel revealing a specific timeline when the Kingdom of God would come, start expanding, and last forever

The birth location prophesied, and the plot to kill the King before the Kingdom was established is thwarted

Micah 5:2 (NKJV) But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth *are* from of old, from everlasting.

The wise men/ magi follow the star and arrive in Jerusalem and ask where the King has been born so they can worship Him. Herod and those in Jerusalem are very disturbed but recognize Micah's prophecy.

Herod, in deceit, tells the magi to let him know when they find the king so that he can also go and worship him.

In dreams, both the magi and Joseph are warned concerning Herod. Herod sends soldiers to kill the King, as Jesus' family flees to Egypt.

Joseph wanted to return to Judea, but, being warned, heads to Galilee.

Preparing the way for the King

Isaiah 40:3 (RGT) A voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight a path for our God in the desert!"

Matthew 3:1-3 (NKJV) ¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'*"

In John 1, John the Baptist is queried by the priests & Levites if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet. John said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the LORD."

A sign that ethnicity would not determine those in the kingdom

Matthew 3:7-12 (LSB) ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸ Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; ⁹ and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The King preaches the Gospel of the Kingdom

Mark 1:14-15 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Matthew 4:23 (NASB₁₉₉₅) Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

In the Ancient Near East, it was common for gospel or "good news" proclamations to be made representing the beginning of a king's rule with themes of justice, order, debt cancellation, and favor.

Do you understand the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus?

The King reveals the Gospel was Prophesied

Luke 4:16-21 (ESV) ¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

How will you respond to the good news, & the call to follow Jesus?