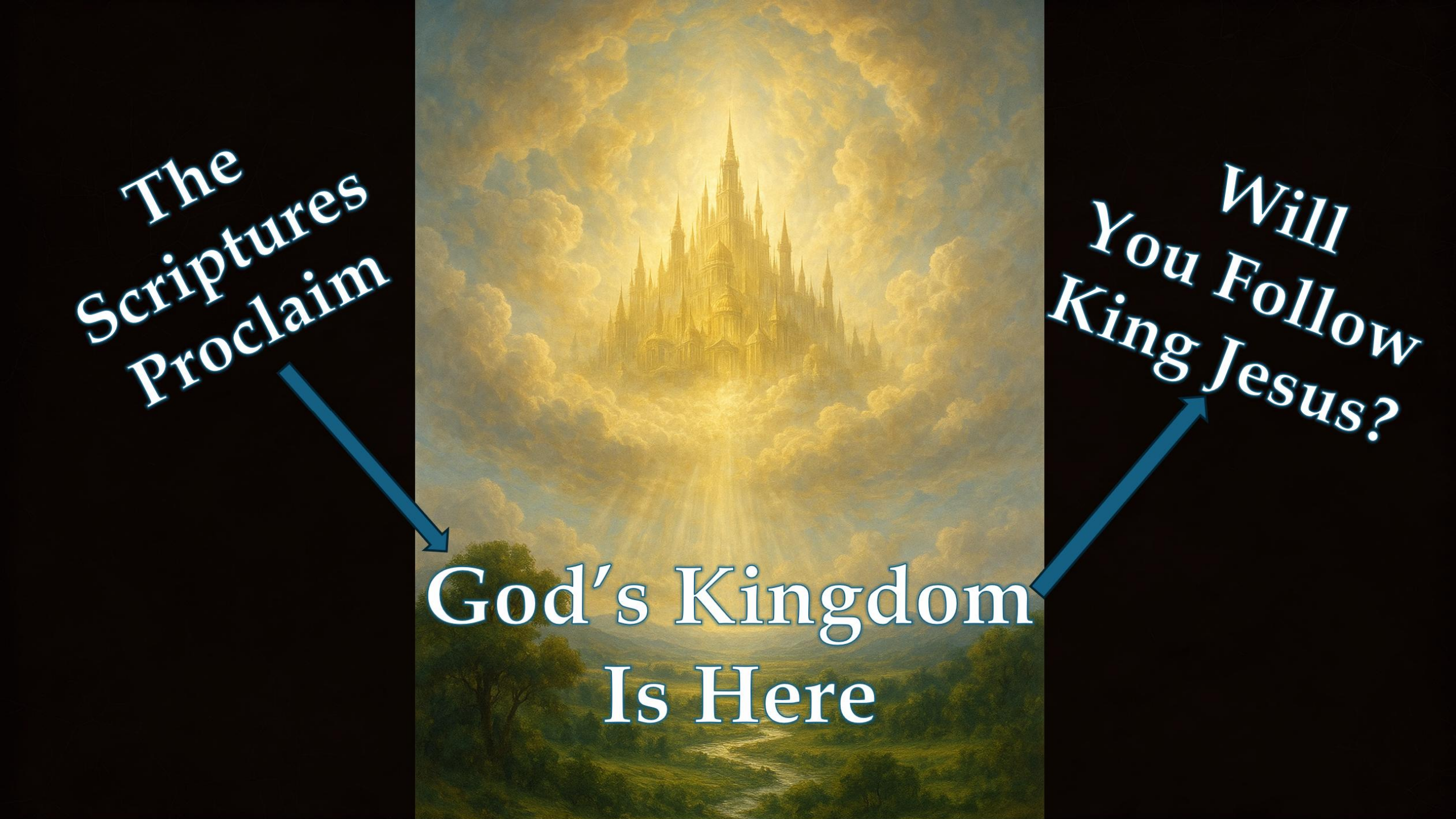


TALK TOUGH ABOUT Tough Questions

How should we understand Biblical sexuality
(singleness, marriage, and LGBTQ+)?

And... how should we discuss this topic with
those who disagree with biblical sexuality?

Sunday, November 16th from 6 pm – 7:30 pm



*The
Scriptures
Proclaim*

*Will
You Follow
King Jesus?*

*God's Kingdom
Is Here*

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God – Part 4

King Jesus and His Kingdom

Judah was chosen as the kingly line. Then, David's line was chosen. Then, the specific timeline for God's Kingdom to arrive was prophesied.

The magi worshipped King Jesus as Herod's plot was thwarted.

John the Baptist first preached repentance & the Kingdom of God. Then Jesus preached repentance & the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Kingdom blessings was preached for the poor in spirit & the persecuted.

Jesus calls for Kingdom prayer, forgiving others, & confirmed the path to Kingdom inheritance is narrow, & only those who obey will inherit it.

King Jesus is stronger than Satan's forces. He grants His authority to believers so we can overcome the enemy, sin, & even death.

God expects “good fruit” in His Kingdom (Ethnic Israel was a shadow of God’s Kingdom)

Isaiah 5:1-4 (NKJV) ¹ Now let me sing to my Well-beloved a song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. ² He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. ³ "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

God judged Israel when good fruit was not produced

Isaiah 5:5-7 (ESV) ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Matthew 21:33-44 (LSB) ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. ³⁴ Now when the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his fruit. ³⁵ And the vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. ³⁷ But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"

Matthew 21:41-44 (CSB) ⁴¹ "He will completely destroy those terrible men," they told him, "and lease his vineyard to other farmers who will give him his fruit at the harvest." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is what the Lord has done and it is wonderful in our eyes?" ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit.

⁴⁴ Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will shatter him." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶ Although they were looking for a way to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because the people regarded him as a prophet.

If you have not been producing fruit for God's Kingdom,
do you know that a heart of repentance is needed?

Remain in Christ, & by the Spirit's power, produce fruit

John 15:1-6 (NIV) ¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

Do you realize you can't produce fruit on your own?

Consequences of no fruit vs. fruit in God's Kingdom

(Unfaithful stewards) **Matthew 25:28-30 (LSB)** ²⁸ Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'
²⁹ "For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. ³⁰ And throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(Faithful stewards) **Matthew 25:23 (NASB₂₀₂₀)** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.'

Galatians 5:22-23a (HCSB) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, ²³ gentleness, self-control.