

ACTS 1:1-11

REVEALING^{THE}
KINGDOM^{OF}
GOD

I want to describe in uncomplicated language what I think the Bible tells us about God – about what the Creator of the everything had in mind when He created the heavens and the earth. About God's grand design. What is His great purpose for you and for the world?



I want to explain to you what He expects of you and me, in whatever condition we find ourselves. What God's goal is for you, as you battle your way through life's difficulties. And I want to show you what God has in store for those who really love Him and His Son, Jesus.



God is not impressed with social standing. But He is interested in His creation. He is interested in you — whoever you are, wherever you are. He is in search of people who will take His words and instructions through Jesus with utmost seriousness.



God is not much interested in your “station” in life, your titles or your degrees or your accomplishments.

But God is interested in your immortality, in your living forever.

He created you with immortality in mind.



Immortality means you cannot die.

To be immortal means to be indestructible. It means that once you acquire immortality (which you do not yet have) you cannot ever cease to be alive! You will have life forever.



I want to tell you about God's immortality plan for human beings. It is actually not a very complicated plan. If it were, one would have to have special intellectual skills and ability to understand it. You do not need any brilliance or special training to

grasp God's immortality plan. But you do need an open mind — and a passionate, Truth-seeking attitude.



You need a strong desire to know the Truth. Jesus called it “hungering and thirsting”

Matthew 5:6

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.



**After the right way to understand
and act.**

**And Jesus described the quest for
the secret of immortality as a hunt
for priceless treasure.**



Matthew 13:44

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Matthew 13:45-46

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.



God wanted his immortality Message, what he called, and we should call, the Gospel, to be accessible to everyone willing to listen with an open mind. All they had to do was to pay careful attention, give themselves wholeheartedly to what Jesus said, and then pursue the goal for their lives which Jesus laid before them.



And they were to pursue that goal relentlessly for the rest of their lives. They were never to give up, whatever opposition or trial might come their way. Nothing could be more important than obtaining immortality – life forever and ever. “He who endures to the end will be saved,” Jesus said.



People pursue goals in different fields with single-mindedness.

They often give themselves wholeheartedly to the pursuit of goals which have no ultimate value.



Is it too much to ask that we dedicate ourselves to gaining immortality, the only goal which really lasts, and lasts forever?

What goal did Jesus present to his audiences? What was the heart and core of all of his preaching and teaching?



What Did Jesus Preach About?



Jesus as you know claimed to be the Son of God. If you had asked him who his father was, he would have looked you in the eye and said, “God is my Father.”



How many people do you know who can say “God is my Father,” meaning that they have no human father? Yes, Jesus had no human father.



The difference

between Adam and Jesus is that the life of Jesus began in the womb of Mary his mother. Adam was made from the dust of the ground. Both Adam and Jesus are called son of God.



Luke 4:43

43 But He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.”



Jesus was an impassioned preacher of what he called the Gospel (Good News) about the Kingdom of God.



Luke 5:1

5 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret,



Since the Gospel of the Kingdom is the heart and core of everything Jesus said and did, it is natural for those “in the know” to refer to that great saving Gospel message about the Kingdom simply as “the word of God,” which means “the message,” the Gospel message.



Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”



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Acts 20:24-25

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25 “And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face.



This is the 8 Kingdom
text in the book of Acts



Acts 1:3

3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.



Acts 1:6

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”



Acts 8:12

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.



Acts 14:21-22

21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”



Acts 19:8

8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.



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Acts 28:23

23 When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.



Acts 28:31

31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.



**Jesus was the first and
authoritative preacher of the
saving**

**Gospel. And it is quite untrue (in
fact a disastrous mistake) to say
that Jesus' Gospel was meant for
Jews only!**



It is meant for everyone! Hebrews 2:3 is a verse which everyone should memorize. “Salvation was first preached by the Lord (Jesus).”



Hebrews 2:3

3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

