

ACTS 1:1-11

REVEALING^{THE}
KINGDOM^{OF}
GOD

What Did Jesus Preach About?



My purpose in this Teaching is to describe in uncomplicated language what I think the Bible tells us about God – about what the Creator of the universe 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.



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?



Just open your Bible to Luke, chapter 4 and verse 43 and you will find Jesus telling us there what he was “all about.” You will find him in that verse giving his mission statement, the purpose for all his preaching and teaching, the reason for his whole activity in the service of God, his Father. You will find here Jesus’ precious master-word, the genius of all he stood for and loved.



The Heart of Christianity – The Kingdom of God



Our Christian documents point to one undeniable fact: Jesus was concerned above all with the Gospel about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom is the center of his entire mission.



It is his watchword and the nucleus of all his teaching. He announced that it was “at hand,” demonstrated its power in his ministry, promised it as a reward to his disciples, and urged them to pray for its coming. He also assured his followers that they would one day occupy executive positions as ministers of state in the Kingdom:



Luke 22:28-30

28 “You are those who have stood by Me in My trials; 29 and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.



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 3:19-21

19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; 20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.



Without a grasp of the Kingdom,
which is the axis around
which all of Jesus' preaching and
teaching revolves, we cannot
hope to understand his Gospel
message.



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. God sent him, commissioned him, authorized him to do just that — preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.



You will find in Luke 5:1 that people listening to the Gospel of the Kingdom were listening to what Luke calls the “word of God.”



Luke 5:1

5 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;



Now that phrase “word of God” is one which you really must understand, if you are going to make sense of the Bible and especially the New Testament books.



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.

