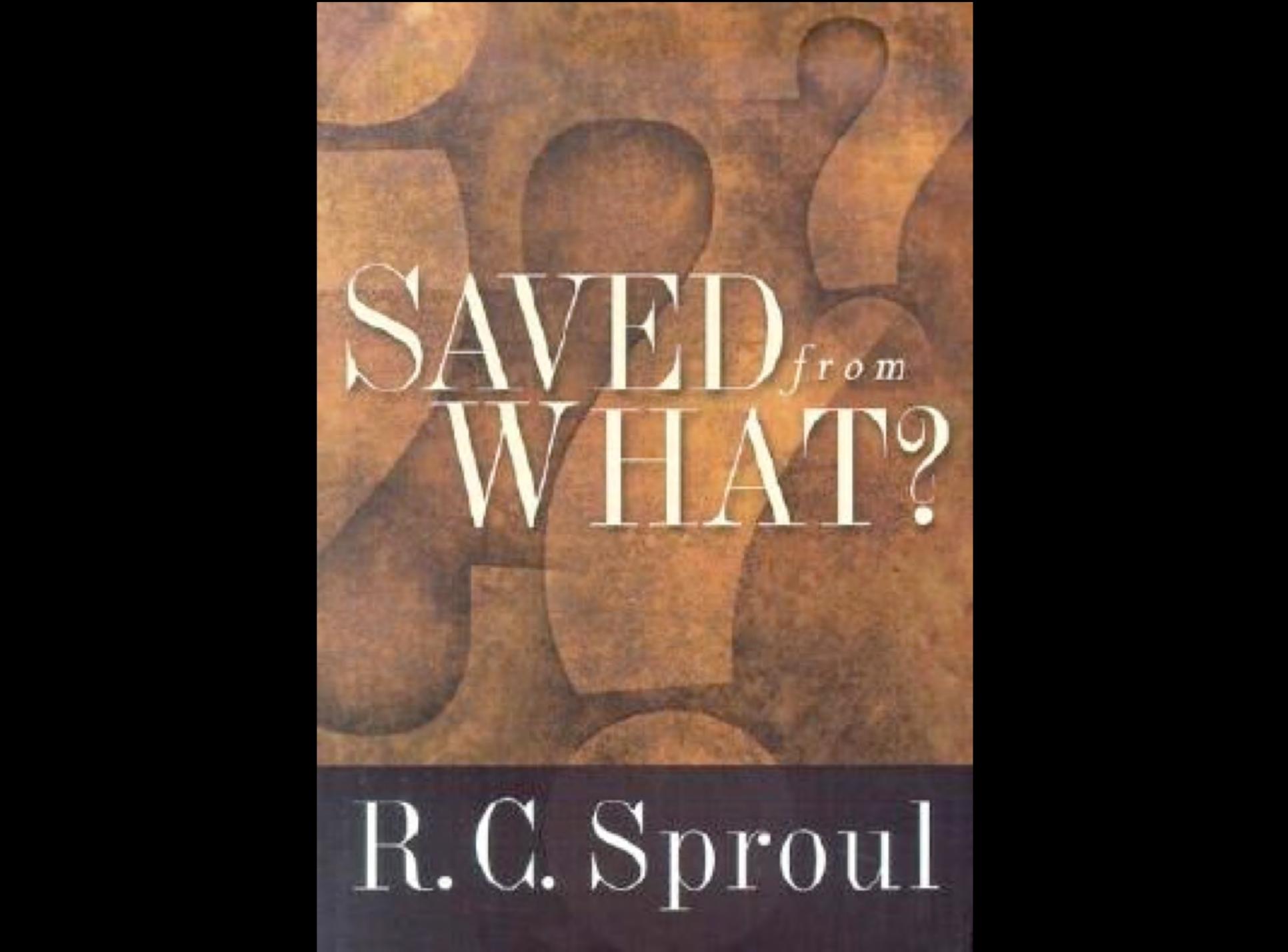


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## **A Biblical Theology of Christmas**

**Week Four: The King, The Kingdom  
and The Manger**

"THE KING OF  
KINGS"

# After 13 years of silence...

## God renews His Promise

### Genesis 17:1-6

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup>Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

<sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

<sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you...

# Israel asks for a King

## 1 Samuel 8:1, 3-9

<sup>1</sup>When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel... <sup>3</sup>But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. <sup>4</sup>So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

# Israel asks for a King

1 Samuel 8:1, 3-9

<sup>6</sup>But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. <sup>8</sup>As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do.”

# The get Saul

**1 Samuel 10:1**

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?"

# Saul goes wild and therefore God reject Saul as King

## 1 Samuel 15:24-26

<sup>24</sup>Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the LORD’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them. <sup>25</sup>Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD.”

<sup>26</sup>But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!”

# God chooses David

## 1 Samuel 16:1, 7, 11-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>11</sup>So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”  
“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep.”

# God chooses David

**1 Samuel 16:1, 7, 11-13**

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup>So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

<sup>13</sup>So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.



REMBRANDT Harmenszoon van Rijn, *Saul and David*, 1655-60  
Oil on canvas, 130,5 x 164 cmMauritshuis, The Hague



**GUERCINO** *Saul Attacking David*, 1646, Oil on canvas, 147 x 220 cm  
Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica, Roma, Mauritshuis, The Hague

# God's covenant with David

## 1 Chronicles 17:3-12

<sup>3</sup> That night the word of God came to Nathan, saying:

<sup>4</sup> "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says:  
You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in...'

# God's covenant with David

## 1 Chronicles 17:3-12

<sup>7</sup>“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock, to be ruler over my people Israel. <sup>8</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name like the names of the greatest men of the earth...

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<sup>11</sup>When your days are over and you go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>12</sup>He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever.”

# The prophecies of the coming King

## Jeremiah 33:14-22

<sup>14</sup>“ ‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>“ ‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.’

# The prophecies of the coming King

## Jeremiah 33:14-22

<sup>17</sup>For this is what the LORD says: 'David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, <sup>18</sup>nor will the priests, who are Levites, ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.' "

# The prophecies of the coming King

## Jeremiah 33:14-22

<sup>19</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>20</sup>“This is what the LORD says: ‘If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, <sup>21</sup>then my covenant with David my servant — and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me — can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne. <sup>22</sup>I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as countless as the stars of the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore.’ ”

# The prophecies of the coming King

## Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.



*Christ is Born!*

# The Covenant with David is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus!

## Matthew 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup>A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

<sup>3</sup>Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

<sup>4</sup>Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

<sup>5</sup>Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of King David.

# This is the message of the early church!!

## Acts 13:13-33

<sup>13</sup>From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup>After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak.”

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## Acts 13:13-33

<sup>16</sup>Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: “Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! <sup>17</sup>The God of the people of Israel chose our fathers; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt, with mighty power he led them out of that country, <sup>18</sup>he endured their conduct for about forty years in the desert, <sup>19</sup>he overthrew seven nations in Canaan and gave their land to his people as their inheritance. <sup>20</sup>All this took about 450 years.

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## Acts 13:13-33

“ After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup>Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.

<sup>22</sup>After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.

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## Acts 13:13-33

<sup>23</sup>“From this man’s descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised. <sup>24</sup>Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. <sup>25</sup>As John was completing his work, he said: ‘Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No, but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’

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## Acts 13:13-33

<sup>26</sup> “Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. <sup>27</sup> The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup> When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

# This is the message of the early church!!

**Acts 13:13-33**

<sup>32</sup>“We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers  
<sup>33</sup>he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus...”

# The end of time and the reign of the King!

## Revelation 11:15

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."



# The Kingdom of God



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CHAP. I.

1. Luke 1.27. 2. Gen. 21.4. 3. Gen. 25.16. 4. Gen. 37.35. 5. Gen. 38.27. 6. Chr. 2.5. Ruth 4.18. 7. Sam. 11.1. 8. 17. 11. 13. Sam. 13.24. 14. Chr. 21.10. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.



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kah Eleazar wunnaumonieu Matthanoh, kah Matthan wunnaumonieu Jakoboh. 16 Kah Jakob wunnaumonieu Jofephoh, weliukeh Mary noh mo wachegit Jesus uttiyeuoh ahennit Christ. 17 Nemehekuh wame pometeongah wutch Abrahamut onk yean Davidut, nabo yawudt pometeongah; neit wutch Davidut onk yean ummifinohkonauh ut Babylon, nabo yawudt pometeongah; neit wutch ummifinohkonauh ut Babylon no pajeh uppeyonat Jesus Christ, nabo yawudt pometeongah. 18 Kah Jesus Corist m wunneetoonk yeu mo, nagum okafoh Maryoh kah Jofeph quothodnettie (afquam nameehhettekup) mifkauau wutch keteeuonah naihpe Nathauanittouh. 19 Neit weliukeh Jofephuh wunnonwafinoh, matta mo wuttenantamoun wutayimauoh mufiliewatut, unnantam kemeu nappogken yeuoh. 20 Webenatwontog yeufnog kuffeh wutangelifumoh Lord wunnaehitunkquoh ut wunukquomuogant, no wau, Jofeph ken wunnaumonuh David, ahque wabeluh nemunoh Mary kummittamwos, newutche uttiyeuoh wachegit, ne naihpe wunneetapanatame Nathauanittouh. 21 Kah woh neechau wunnaumon woh kutiflowen a Jesus, newutche woh wadchanau a ummifinannumoh wutch ummattcheongah. 22 Wame yeufh n nihyeupafih ne woh n nih toh anawop Lord falipeu naittawom pih no wau. 23 Kah kuffeh peehomp pih wompeguau, a Ifaiah kah pih neechau wunnaumonuh, kah pih 7.14. wuttiflowenoh Emanuel, yeu nauwittamun, God kowetomukqu. 24 Neit Jofeph onohket wutch kouenat, wutufen uttoh anukqu wutangelifumoh Lord, kah neemnuu ummittamwufoh. 25 Kah matta owahauh no pajeh wunnechanat mohtoweginitcheh wunnaumonuh, kah wuttiflowenuh Jesus.

CHAP. II.

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# 1. There's a new sheriff in town!

## Matthew 2:1

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed...

## 2. He's great than rock star J/B

**Matthew 3:1-2, 11-12**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near..."

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

<sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

# 3. His rule is different than most kings

Matthew 4:8

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only. [Deut. 6:13]’”

# 4. Because the King is here, the message is clear

**Matthew 4:12-17, 23**

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – <sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – <sup>16</sup>the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” [Isaiah 9:1,2]

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**Matthew 4:12-17, 23**

<sup>17</sup>From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

# 5. We are taught to pray for the end of history!

Matthew 6:9-10

<sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup>your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”

# 6. This new kingdom makes our life worry-free

Matthew 6:25-33

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

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**Matthew 6:25-,31-33**

<sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

# 7. The message is the same to the disciples as they go out

**Matthew 10:1, 7**

<sup>1</sup>He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness...

<sup>7</sup>“As you go, preach this message:  
‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’”

# 8. There is serious authority in this kingdom NOW!

**Matthew 16:15-19**

<sup>15</sup>“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered,

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...”

# 9. There is serious authority in this kingdom TO COME!

**Matthew 20:21**

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

<sup>21</sup>"What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

# 10. This King died for you!

**Matthew 27:11**

Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor,  
and the governor asked him,  
“Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied.

**What is the Kingdom of God like?**

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**Matthew 13:24-52**

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## The parable of the weeds

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

<sup>27</sup>“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

<sup>28</sup>“ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

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Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

<sup>29</sup>“ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

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## The parable of the weeds (explained!)

### Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

<sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

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## The parable of the weeds (explained)

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

<sup>40</sup>“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup>They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

# What is the Kingdom of God like?

## The parables of the mustard seed and yeast

### Matthew 13:31-33

<sup>31</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

<sup>32</sup>Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup>He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

# What is the Kingdom of God like?

**The parable of the hidden treasure and merchant**

**Matthew 13:44-45**

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup>“ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

# What is the Kingdom of God like?

## The parable of the net

### Matthew 13:47-50

<sup>47</sup>“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup>This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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