

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW; OUR KINGDOM COME...ON EARTH

Week 13 – JROC – Understanding the Kingdom of God!

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The sermon that Jesus delivered on the hill/mountain focused on the Kingdom of God... on living in the Kingdom!

What do we need to understand about the Kingdom of God?

- What did Jesus teach about the Kingdom? What was Jesus' focus during His first coming when He spoke of the Kingdom of God?
- To whom did Jesus teach/preach?
- Is the Kingdom of God the Millennial Kingdom?
- What will the Kingdom of God look like?
- When will it be established?
- By Whom will it be established?
- What is the significance of the Kingdom and ALL the details?

What did Jesus teach about the Kingdom in His sermon on the hill/mountain?

Jesus presented a higher standard than the Mosaic Law. Jesus presented the intent of God in giving the law – the spirit of the law...not the letter of the law on which the religious leadership focused. Their hearts needed to be circumcised (Dt. 5:29; Dt. 30:1-6) Dt. 30:6 - *the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.*

Entering the Kingdom will require a changed heart (John 3:3)! God's intent in giving the law to the children of Israel was for them to realize He is holy and they are not...and that they could NOT keep the law. They needed to see their bankrupt condition re: salvation and mourn for their sin. There is only one way of salvation throughout Scripture, OT and NT, by grace through faith in God's revealed message which always points to the Messiah!

Matt. 5:17 - Jesus told the people that He did not come to destroy the law. He came to fulfill the law. The law laid out God's righteous demands. Jesus paid the debt for our not being able to meet God's righteous demands.

Psa. 19:7-11 – the law is perfect restoring the soul; Matt. 5:20 – NOT self-righteousness but God's righteousness!

Matt. 5:20 - *For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God/of heaven at His first coming– what was His focus? Jesus offered the Kingdom to the Jewish people – to whom it was promised (Gen. 49:10; Ex. 19:6; Ex. 25:8; Dt. 17:14-15 - *When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,'¹⁵ you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother) Jesus offered Himself as the King of the Kingdom. (Isa. 9:6-7 – gov't on His shoulders; Luke*

1:30-33 – sit on the throne of David; Psa. 2:8-9 – rule of righteous while reigning justly; Isa. 35:5-6 – miracles authenticated His Messiahship).

To whom did Jesus teach/preach the sermon?

To the Jewish disciples. To the multitudes – Jews and Gentiles. My view – primarily the Jewish people as they were the ones coming under the oppressive rule of the Roman Empire.

Is the Kingdom the Millennial Kingdom?

Why is the Kingdom called the Millennial Kingdom? 1,000 year reign of Jesus. God EMPHASIZED the length of time by inspiring the Apostle John to write 1,000 years 6X in Rev. 20:2-7.

What is the Millennial Kingdom?

Also called the Messianic Kingdom. WHY? The Millennial Kingdom is the literal, physical reign of Jesus the Messiah on earth. And, thus the title of our series... Your Kingdom Come...on Earth! Matt. 6:9-10 - *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

What will the Millennial Kingdom look like?

Hab. 2:14 - *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Isa. 2:2-4 - *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.'*

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Isa. 60:1-12 – *The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you....*

Isa. 11: 6-9 - *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.*

Isa. 35:5-6 - the Messiah will perform miracles.

Isa. 62:1-7 - *for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. ² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. ³ You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no longer be*

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termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶ I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, ⁷ And give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Eze. 40-48 – the fourth temple in Jerusalem and its exact dimensions; the glory of the Lord entering and dwelling in the fourth temple; animal sacrifices – Eze. 43:18-26/Mal. 3:3; the feasts – Eze. 45:18-25 – a feast at the first of the year; Passover; Tabernacles (“the feast”).

Zech. 13-14 – Zech. 13:2 – there will be no unclean spirits in the land. Zech. 14:16 - All nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Rev. 19:20 – the antichrist and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire.

Rev. 20:1-4 – Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years. *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut*

him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. Rev. 20:5 – believers in the Millennium will live and reign with Jesus for 1,000 years.

WHEN will the Kingdom of God be established?

When God RESTORES!!

Who will establish the Millennial Kingdom?

Daniel 2:44-45 - *And in the days of these kings (the Gentile empires: Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”*

Daniel 7:13-14, 27 - *I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed...v. 27 - Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*

Matt. 24:29ff - *Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and*

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then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great

sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matt. 25:31-41 – judgment of the nations left at the end of the tribulation. *When the Son of Man comes in His glory (at His physical second coming, following the tribulation), and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’* Only those who are born again will inhabit the Millennial Kingdom at the beginning.

Who WILL establish the kingdom and WHEN? We just answered that question w/ its two parts! GOD will establish the Kingdom of God in the future!

What is the PURPOSE of the Millennial Kingdom?

God is NOT finished with Israel. God made promises to Israel and He swore by Himself (Heb. 6:13) and He will fulfill those promises.

The Abrahamic Covenant will be fulfilled which includes the Land Covenant, the Davidic Covenant, and the New Covenant.

God will give the children of Israel all the land promised to Abraham in Gen. 15:18-20.

Mal. 3:3 – God will purge the sons of Levi so that they will be able to offer God an offering in righteousness.

Are we living in the Millennial Kingdom now? If “yes” – WHY? Chapter/verse. If “no” – WHY NOT? Chapter/verse

Through the “sermon on the mount” I believe that Jesus told the Jewish people... what living in the future Kingdom of heaven/of God - that He would establish if they accepted Him as their King - would look like.

Jesus taught how to ENTER the Kingdom of heaven/of God where He would be KING. The Kingdom of God is a physical PLACE. Remember, God had promised the Jewish people PHYSICAL LAND with boundaries notes in Gen. 15:18-20.

The reason there are many debates re: this sermon among Evangelicals is because there are Bible teachers/scholars who believe this sermon is primarily for the Church! What is the context of the Sermon on the Mount?