

Vantage Point

How the Kingdom puts all of life in perspective!

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Can You See the Kingdom?

Introduction—Looks can be deceiving! “*Jesus, are you the promised King, and are you beginning to reign?*”

Matthew’s Gospel—Vantage Point: *Jesus is the Promised King*

- 1) 1:1—the title “Christos” _____
- 2) 2:3—clash of Kings—Herod and baby Jesus
- 3) 2:11—wise men bowing, worshipping, offering to Jesus
- 4) 3:3—John the Baptist—get ready for God’s Reign!
- 5) 3:16—Anointing Jesus to Reign
- 6) 4:1-11—Jesus defeats the great enemy—Satan
- 7) 4:17—Jesus begins to announce His reign—“*has come*”
* Mark 1:14—“*has been fulfilled/has come*”
- 8) 4:18-22—King Jesus calls his 1st followers, and they follow
- 9) 4:23—Jesus announces the Good News of the Kingdom
- 10) Sermon on the Mount—Life in the Kingdom

Matthew 12:22-30—Vantage Point: *The Kingdom is breaking in!*

- 1) Jesus heals, people wonder if He’s the promised King!
- 2) Pharisees’ Perspective—Jesus must be Satan
- 3) Jesus offers 2 brief parables
 - a) A *Divided Kingdom*...can’t stand!
* If by God’s Spirit...the reign of God has come upon you.
 - b) A *Strong Man* robbed of his goods
* Having bound him, Jesus is plundering Satan’s territory
- Mark 3:27

Luke 10:17-24—Vantage Point: *Blessed are your eyes...for they see!*

Luke 17:20-21—Vantage Point: *The Kingdom is here!*

- 1) Pharisees: When will God’s Kingdom arrive? They don’t see!
- 2) Jesus: Don’t look for “spectacular”...it’s *in your midst!* ME!
* They need to respond to Jesus...to see!
* 2 Parables: **Growing Seed and Mustard Seed** (Mark 4:26-34)

Acts 8—Philip preaches the good news of God’s Kingdom

Acts 28—Paul preaches the Kingdom of God

Colossians 1:13-14—“*God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son!*”

Can you see the King/Kingdom?

Have you entered the Kingdom by faith in Jesus?

Are you living from a **Kingdom Vantage Point**—taking part in God’s Kingdom Purposes around you?