



#1 - "HE SPOKE TO THEM ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

WHAT IS THE "KINGDOM OF GOD" or "KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"?

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WHY DOES GOD CHOOSE TO USE THIS PHRASE?

- Like all kingdoms, God's Reign involves a _____
- Like all kingdoms, God's Reign involves _____
- Like all kingdoms, God's Reign involves an area of _____
- Like all kingdoms, God's Reign involves _____

WHY STUDY THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

1. BECAUSE OF THE PRIORITY IT IS GIVEN IN THE BOOK OF _____

After his suffering and death, he appeared to them. In many ways he proved that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of 40 days. During that time he spoke about God's kingdom. **Acts 1:4** (ICB)

But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. **Acts 8:12** (NLT)

For two whole years Paul stayed there in a house he rented. He welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ He preached boldly about God's kingdom. No one could keep him from teaching people about the Lord Jesus Christ. **Acts 28:30-31** (ICB)

2. BECAUSE OF THE PRIORITY IT IS GIVEN IN THE _____

- **Forgive** – found in _____ places in the teaching of Jesus.
- **Peace** – found in _____ places in the teaching of Jesus.
- **Love** – found in _____ places in the teaching of Jesus.
- **Serve** – found in _____ places in the teaching of Jesus.

- **Believe** – found in _____ places in the teaching of Jesus.
- **Kingdom** – found in _____ places in the teaching of Jesus.

John the Baptist started preaching in the desert of Judea. ² He said, "Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here." **Matthew 3:1-2** (CEV)

From that time on Jesus began to preach. "Turn away from your sins!" he said. "The kingdom of heaven is near." **Matthew 4:17** (NIRV)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...**Matthew 6:33a** (NIV)

Pray like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." **Matthew 6:9** (ESV)

And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it... **Matthew 24:14a** (NLT)

"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God...for I was sent for this purpose." **Luke 4:45** (HCSV)

3. BECAUSE OF THE PRIORITY IT IS GIVEN IN THE _____

They agreed on a time. When the day arrived, they came back to his home with a number of their friends. Paul talked to them all day, from morning to evening, explaining everything involved in the kingdom of God, and trying to persuade them all about Jesus by pointing out what Moses and the prophets had written about him. **Acts 28:23** (MP)

A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace. ⁷ There will be no limit to how great his authority is... He will rule on David's throne.... He will make the kingdom strong and secure. His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever. **Isiah 9:6-7** (NIRV)

4. BECAUSE OF THE PROMISES GIVEN TO IT'S _____

Instead, make your top priority God's kingdom and his way of life, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33** (NTE)

Everyone in Israel should now realize with certainty ...: God has made Jesus both Lord and Anointed King—this same Jesus whom you crucified ³⁷ When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they said to Peter and his fellow apostles, "what should we do" **Acts 2:36-37** (VOICE)

Peter answered them, "All of you must turn to God and change the way you think and act, and each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins will be forgiven. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit as a gift. **Acts 2:38** (GW)

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