

LESSON 17: The Life Of Christ – Ten Lepers Healed and Concerning the Kingdom

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LUKE 17:11-37
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Concerning the Kingdom Luke 17:20-37

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Luke 17:20-21, "And being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, there! for lo, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

- This is the principal teaching of the gospel! Titus 2:12
- John 18:35-36, "Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."
- Romans 14:17, "... **the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**"

The Nature Of The Kingdom

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NOTE: The ministry of Christ begins and ends with teaching about the nature of the kingdom.

The Beginning Of His Ministry. John 3:1-16

Spiritual Entrance:

- ▶ "Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (verse 3)
- ▶ "How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" (verse 4)

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John 3:1-16

- ▶ "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God!" (verse 5)
- ▶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (verse 6)
- ▶ "Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?" (verse 9)
- ▶ "Art thou the teacher of Israel, and understandest not these things?" (verse 10)

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John 3:1-16

▶ Jesus taught five things about the kingdom of God.

1. The kingdom is not of "earthly things," but of "heavenly things." (verse 12)
2. The kingdom would come after he ascended up to "heaven." (verse 13)
3. The Son Of Man must be "lifted up" as Moses lifted the serpent. (verse 14)
4. The kingdom would consist of "believers" in Him, not of physical descendents of Abraham. (verse 15)
5. God was moved to establish this kind of a kingdom because of His love for "the world," not His love for Israel. (verse 16; cf. John 6:44-45)

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The Close Of His Ministry Before Pilate. John 18:36

1. Jesus charged with intention to set up a kingdom in opposition to Caesar. (Luke 23:1-2; John 19:12)

2. NOTE AGAIN!

When Pilate asked, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Thou sayest" (Luke 23:3) ... "**My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight ... To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world" (John 18:36-37)

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The Close Of His Ministry Before His Ascension.

Acts 1:3, "To whom he also showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God"

Acts 1:6 – The apostles asked Him, saying, "Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you ..." (cf. Mark 9:1)

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Fills the earth by means of the gospel, not by force. Zechariah 9:10; Isaiah 2:3-4

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Romans 14:17, "the **kingdom** of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:22, 34)

Peace and safety. Isaiah 9:6
Fulfilled in salvation. Isaiah 11:6-10;
Romans 15:12
With God. Romans 5:1
With man. Ephesians 2:14-18

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Luke 17:22-23, "And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. And they shall say to you, Lo, there! Lo, here! go not away, nor follow after (them)"

- ▶ The day would come when their beloved Jerusalem would be destroyed. Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21
- ▶ As the Jews were expecting the Messiah to set up a political kingdom, the power of any political leader would be enhanced by claiming he was the Christ cf. Matthew 24:4-5.
- ▶ See the language of Isaiah 39:6 and Jeremiah 7:32ff
- ▶ Specifically see the warning of Matthew 24:23-26; and Mark 13:21.

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Luke 17:24, "For as the lightning, when it lighteneth out of the one part under the heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall the Son of man be in his day."

- ▶ The "**day of the Lord**" (and similar expressions) may relate in other passages to the second coming of Christ at the end of earth time (for example, 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10)
- ▶ However, "here refers to His coming in temporal judgment to deal with national Israel (as the phrase is used in Isaiah 2:12; 13:6-9; Jer. 46:10; Ezek. 7:19; 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11; Amos 5:18-20; Obad. 1:15; Zeph. 1:7; Zechariah 14:1; et.al)." (C.G. Caldwell, Luke, Truth Commentaries, page 930)