

Lesson 18
The New Testament Announcement of the Kingdom

I. Introduction

- a. In moving our study of the Mediatorial Kingdom from the Old Testament prophets to the New Testament teaching on that subject it is important to bear in mind that the sole revelation available at the time of Christ was the _____
- b. Therefore, the hearers of Jesus words relating to the Kingdom would have _____ what He said by its agreement with the Old Testament writings with which they were familiar.
- c. The assumption of our Lord and His apostles was that the OT could be understood _____ to make their readers and hearers morally responsible for believing their essential demands. John 5:46-47 *For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words? KJV*
- d. The Kingdom as taught by Jesus is His watchword; it is a _____ for the whole of His teaching. Thus, we see in the commencement of His ministry: Matt 4:23, *"And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people";*
- e. Somewhat later, as Jesus expands His activity Luke again asserts the "Kingdom" as _____ to His message. Luke 8:1 *"And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good tidings of the kingdom of God, and with him the twelve."*
- f. When the Twelve are sent forth by themselves, the Lord spells out the Kingdom _____ of their mission. Luke 9:2 *"And he sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."*

II. The Verbal Announcement of the Kingdom

- a. The Kingdom message was at the _____ of what was announced in introducing the coming of Jesus and His ministry into the world.
- b. The Kingdom was spoken of by the angels to _____ Luke 1:17 *And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." NIV*
- c. To the virgin _____ Luke 1:32-33 *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." NIV*
- d. To _____ Matt 1:22-23 *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. KJV*
- e. To the _____ Luke Luke 2:11 *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. KJV*
- f. It was anticipated by the _____ from the East. Matt 2:2 *Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. KJV*
- g. It was called the Good News and preached by _____ the Baptist. Matt 3:2 *And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. KJV*
- h. It was preached by our _____. Matt 4:17 *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. KJV*
- i. It was preached by the twelve _____. Matt 10:7 *And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. KJV*
- j. It was preached by the _____ Luke 10:9 *And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. KJV*

III. The Gospels Present Jesus as The King

- a. The very first words about Jesus recorded in the four Gospels declare His _____ from the royal line in Israel. Matt 1:1 *The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. KJV*
- b. The Magi came seeking the _____ of the Jews. Matt 2:2 *Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. KJV*
- c. Both Mary and Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, were descended out of the royal line of _____.
- d. Nathaniel expresses his faith in Jesus as the "_____ " and the title was not repudiated but affirmed by Jesus. John 1:49 *Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. KJV*
- e. The very term _____, which is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew Messiah, points to our Lord's royal character, because it designates Jesus as the fulfiller of the Messianic hopes of the OT and the Jewish people. John 4:25 *The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. KJV*

IV. Miraculous Works Support the Announcement of the Kingdom

- a. As a means of _____, the remarkable miracles worked by Jesus clearly demonstrate that His self-claimed title held validity with God. Matt 16:16-17 *And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. KJV*

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- b. Jesus Himself pointed to these miracles as self-authenticating fulfillment of the prophecy of _____ when John the Baptist asked Him if He was the Christ. Luke 7:22 *Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. KJV*
- c. Jesus exercised _____ authority, not only to perform, but also to delegate to his disciples the same miracle working power when He sent them forth to proclaim the Kingdom. Matt 10:1 *And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. KJV*
- d. The same authority was extended to another group of _____ specially appointed messengers who went before Him. Luke 10:1 *After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. KJV*

V. The Impact of the Miracles was Widely Acknowledged (4-5)

- a. The _____ of the miracles done by Jesus was widespread so that wherever He went crowds would throng Him Mark 1:28 *And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. KJV*
- b. As His fame grew by virtue of His healing the sick, feeding the hungry and even raising the dead, even the _____ leaders of Israel acknowledged Him. John 11:47 *Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. NIV*
- c. The Greek word used to designate His miracles acknowledges that what He was doing was a " _____ " which both authenticated the truth of His message as well as it authenticated Jesus as God's messenger.
- d. When Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people cried out, applying the regal titles of Messiah to Him, Jesus did not correct them but rather _____ them. Matt 21:14-16 *But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. 16 "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise?'" NIV*

VI. The Proximity of the Kingdom

- a. In announcing the coming Kingdom several strong expressions were used to indicate its _____
- b. First, it should be noted that Jesus said the Kingdom had " _____ " those who had heard its proclamation and had witnessed its signs. The Greek preposition used is taken to mean "movement toward a place". Luke 11:20 *But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. KJV*
- c. Although expositors differ on this point, the personal presence of the King suggests that the Kingdom was actually in the " _____ " of men, rather than "within" them as is rendered in the KJV. Luke 17:21 *nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst." NASU*
- d. The government of our Lord the sovereign King attaches to His person: _____ He is the Kingdom is. This seems to be the sense of what Jesus conveyed to His disciples in the very next verse. Luke 17:22 *The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. NASU*
- e. As to the actual establishment of His government on earth, the Kingdom had indeed " _____ " unto men in the sense that it had drawn near to the men of that generation that had actually seen His face and supernatural works. Luke 10:9 *And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. KJV*

VII. Application

- a. If you knew for certain that the Lord was going to come again tomorrow morning at 11:00 am how would you spend your afternoon today?
- b. Would you act differently if you did not have any certain knowledge of His immanent return tomorrow?
- c. Whether you believe that the Kingdom is now or you believe that it is to come, it should not alter the way you choose to live your life before the King (in the present moment).