

THE GOSPEL IN ONE PAGE

WHAT DID JESUS PREACH WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH?

☐ **What was his message that he taught his disciples?** Mark 1:14–15 "...Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE?

☐ The Kingdom of God is right here, right now, as well as in the future—it came near in Christ, and is where He is in the world, and it will be fulfilled when he comes again (Lk 17:20–21, Mt 11:2–6).
☐ Being a part of the Kingdom of God isn't a ticket to heaven, to be cashed in so you can be whisked away at the end, it's a Kingdom being made a reality on earth (Rev 21:2). We pray "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Lk 11:2)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS THE WAY GOD WANTED THE WORLD TO BE WHEN HE MADE IT.

(Gen 1:21, Rev 21)

- ☐ It's the life of God—life in all its fullness. (Jn 10:10)
- ☐ It's fairness and equality for all. (Lk 6:20–21, Gal 3:26–28)
- ☐ It's grace and mercy. It's the forgiveness of sins. (Mt 18:21–35)
- ☐ It's where the blind see, the lame walk, where those who are bound are made free.
- ☐ It's good news to the poor, and anyone who's been left out. (Lk 4:18–19)
- ☐ It's bread and water that will leave us never hungry or thirsty again. (Jn 4:14, Jn 6:35)
- ☐ It's a party that everyone's invited to! (Lk 14:15–24)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS FOR EVERYONE!

- ☐ It's not just for the good, or the popular, or the successful. (Mt 21:28–32)
- ☐ It's for the poor. (Lk 6:20) It's for the lonely. (Ps 25:6) It's for the broken. (Mt 21:33–44)
- ☐ It's for those who've made mistakes. It's for those who've done the wrong thing. (Mk 2:15–17)
- ☐ It's for everyone! (Lk 13:29)

ALL WE NEED TO DO TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION IS TO REPENT AND BELIEVE.

- ☐ We choose to follow Jesus, who we believe will save us, through the redemption of the cross and His victory over death by His resurrection. (Rom 1:16–17, Jn 3:16, Jn 11:25)
- ☐ But when we choose Jesus, when we say "YES!" to Him, we say "no." to other things. (Eph 4:20–24)
- ☐ We say "no." to our old ways, the ways that led to our trouble, despair and hurt. (Mt 19:8)
- ☐ We leave behind those things that are unhealthy, unhelpful and hurtful and choose God's way, the way of love and hope. (Rom 8:1–17)
- ☐ And we don't regret it.

CHOOSING JESUS CHANGES US.

- ☐ When we join the Kingdom, we change. (Rom 12:2)
- ☐ We experience freedom. We experience wholeness. We experience healing. (Jn 8:36, Lk 10:9–11)
- ☐ The way we look at the world and other people changes. (Mt 25:31–46)
- ☐ We love others. (1 Jn 3:1–16) We include others. (Jn 4:1–38) We forgive those who have wronged us. (Mt 18:21–35)

- ☐ We love our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us. (Mt 5:43–48)
- We help people, regardless of how they got into trouble. (Lk 10:30–42)

WHEN WE JOIN THE KINGDOM, WE JOIN IN GOD'S PLAN TO MAKE THE KINGDOM COME.

- ☐ God has a plan for the world, and it's us! (Acts 1:7–8)
- ☐ We are partners in His mission, His hands and feet in making the world a better place. (Mt 5:13–16)
- ☐ We make sure that everyone knows that they've got an invite to the Kingdom. (Mt 28:19–20)
- ☐ We help people, and show them God's love in a way that they can understand. (1 Jn 4:12)
- ☐ We fight against injustice and the forces of darkness. (Eph 6:12)
- ☐ We're called to live in a new and different way, to make the world a better place by the way we live. (Jn 13:34–35)

SO COME JOIN THE KINGDOM.

- ☐ **It's for you. Turn from the ways that aren't working, to Jesus, who will save. Come and experience transformation, both inside and out. And help change the world...**