

# THE KINGDOM THAT NEVER CAME

## FINDING THE GOOD NEWS WITHOUT A KINGDOM

*“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”*

~ Matthew 9:35

### 1. The Kingdom to Come

- a. Peace and righteousness shall be seen on earth - Isa 2:3-4, 52:7-10
- b. Blessing to the world to come from Zion - Isa 27:6, 46:13, 62:1-2
- c. There will be longer life in the kingdom - Isa 65:20
- d. There will be no more curse, hunger, infirmity, sadness, injustice - Isa 11, 35

### 2. The Gospel of the Kingdom

- a. The kingdom is at hand - Mark 1:15, Luke 4:18-21, 9:1-6
- b. The kingdom would begin with Israel - Matt 10:5-9
- c. The kingdom to come with force - Matt 6:10, 9:35, 11:2-6, 11-15, 23:42-44
- d. The kingdom witnessed by physical provision - Luke 12:24-31
- e. The kingdom requires Christ's presence, but he died... then he left.

### 3. What Happened

- a. The kingdom did not come with Christ the first time - Lk 19:11-15, Acts 1:6-8
- b. The kingdom refused by rulers of Jerusalem - Acts 3:19-21, 7:1, 57
- c. The kingdom saints scattered, Spirit departed from Jerusalem - Acts 8:4
- d. Christ did not return in judgment, but by grace to Saul - Acts 9:3, 2 Tim 1:9-11
- e. Did Paul get saved by the gospel of the kingdom? What?!

### 4. The Gospel of the Grace of God

- a. Good news (salvation) without a kingdom - this is a great mystery - Eph 1:21, 5:32
- b. We have peace with God, and walk by faith not by sight - Rom 5:1, 2 Cor 5:7
- c. Christ not building a kingdom today; he is building a body - 1 Cor 12:13, Gal 6:15
- d. We all die, but to eternal life given in resurrection - 2 Tim 2:8
- e. Sufficient grace for longsuffering, infirmities, troubles, weakness - Rom 5:2, Gal 4:13

### 5. Kingdom Building Undermines Christ's Work Today

- a. You can't preach kingdom blessing while Israel is in darkness - Isa 60:1, Mt 5:14
- b. Preaching the kingdom does not require the cross or resurrection - John 20:9
- c. Kingdom building requires engaging in politics to further the kingdom - John 18:36
- d. Missing the gospel of grace puts your focus on your circumstances.
- e. Kingdom building today undermines Christ's work on the cross and in the future.
- f. Christ is now building a Body by his grace, to testify and live by his grace. Eph 3:9
- g. Why didn't Jesus bring in the kingdom? He had a mystery fellowship to reveal.