

KINGDOM TRUTHS INTRO

Since the 1980's I have had an interest in making disciples for Jesus. I began to dream of putting together a course on discipleship that was based on the pattern I saw in the Bible and which focused on the kingdom message. God had already given me a hunger to learn about His kingdom. By the early 1990's I was asked to write some courses on various topics for a Bible School in London, England.

In 1999 God showed me that the apostle Paul's greatest legacy was not the sermons that he preached but the letters he wrote. I then began to write a book on 'Walking in Love'. About 10 years later, I could not get Matthew 3 out of my mind. As this continued for months, I realized that God wanted to reveal some things to me about discipleship as I placed myself there at the Jordan river with Jesus. First of all, I discovered that Jordan means 'descender'. It struck me that Jesus left the glories of the highest heaven and started his public ministry near the lowest place on earth! That was the first key that I saw in Jesus..... humility. Soon I saw three other key truths, and then over the next several years God showed me many others. In the upcoming messages are the outline of truths that were demonstrated at the beginning days of Jesus' public ministry. - Matthew 3-4, Luke 3, John 1. Thanks for joining us on this journey of discipleship under our teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ. The outline on the next page is what God has showed me after much meditation on those passages.

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KEY KINGDOM TRUTHS OUTLINE
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Key Truths in Jesus' Early Ministry - Matthew 3-7, Luke 3, John 1

Key Announcer: John the Baptist - Luke 1:13-17, 76-80; Malachi 3:1-5; 4:1-6

Key Awareness: Who are you? Isaiah 40:3-5 Who is Jesus? John 1:19-23,

Key Appetite: Hunger to Hear from God -Matt.3:5; 4:24, 5:1 (400+ years of silence from God)

Key Admonition: Repent -Works of Law / Galatians 3:10-11 Works of the flesh/ Gal. 5:19-21
Going 'our own' way / Isaiah 53:6, Change of conduct/Luke 3:9-14

Key Announcement: The Kingdom of God/ Heaven is here! God's will Matt.6:10
Righteousness, Peace, Joy in H.S./ Romans 14:17

Key Aim: Ax to the Root of the Trees - Religious pride / Matt.3:9, 21:31, chap.23
Trust in riches/Mark 10:23-25,

Key Admission: Confessing sins - Expose to the light/ John 3:19-21; 1 John 1:5-10

Key Annulment: Baptism in water, bury the old man

Key Attitude: Humility and Submission - Matt. 3:13-14; 11:29; Philippians 2:1-8

Key Antagonists: Religious Pharisees - Matt.15:1-19; 22:15-16; Luke 6:7; John 8:37-44

Key Accounting: Eternal Rewards / Punishments - Matt.12:36; 25:26-30, 41-46; 1 Cor.4:5

Key Advocate: The Lamb of God - John 1:29, Revelation chapter 4, chapter 12:10-12

Key Agent: Holy Spirit:* Born of Spirit/fruit * Spirit filled Mt.3:16, Acts 10:38. Isaiah 11:1-3
(Spirit upon us is for ministry to others) Empower the new man

Key Affirmation: The Father's Love - Matt.3:17, Ephesians 3:14-19, 1 John 4:16

Key Access: Prayer - Luke 3:21/ As Jesus was praying, 'heaven was opened'

Key Adversary: Satan - Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13, 1 Peter 5:8-9,

Key Abstinence: Fasting - Matthew 4:2; 6:16-18, 9:14-15

Key Authority: The Word of God - Matthew 4:4,7,10 'It is written.....'

Key Audience: The Common People - Mark 12:37 ...heard Jesus gladly with delight!

Key Advertising: Healing, Signs, Wonders, Miracles, Doing Good - Matthew 4:23-25

Key Activity: Preaching, Teaching, Making Disciples - Matthew 4:18-21

Key Address: Sermon on the Mount- Matthew 5-7 The Constitution/Character of the Kingdom
Beatitudes/ Matthew 5:1-2 The Declaration of Dependence/ Beautiful attitudes

