

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:18-21 (NIV)

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1) The Kingdom of God

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Matthew 4:23 (NIV)

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Matthew 6:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 10:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

2) So, what is the Kingdom of God?

A dictionary definition of 'kingdom' is:

"The reign or rule a king has over his subjects."

In Hebrew the word for Kingdom is malkût (mal-coot).

The Greek word is basileia (bah-see-lay-a).

Luke 19:11-12 (NIV)

11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. 12 He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return.

Mark 10:14-15 (NIV)

14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

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