

THE LIGHT AT MISSION VIEJO
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THE KINGDOM IS....

I. The Kingdom is a _____.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Heb 11:8-10 NIV

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Heb 11:13-16 NIV

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt 8:11-12 NIV

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:10 NIV

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Mark 15:42-44

II. The Kingdom is a _____ or an _____.

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:14-15 NIV

As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Matt 10:7-8 NIV

But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Matt 12:28 NIV

'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD 's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes? 'Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. Matt 21:42-43 NKJV

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Matt 23:13-14 NASB

"God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day."

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. Rom 11:8 & 11 NKJV

"And in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; And you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; ¹⁵ For the heart of this people has become dull, And with their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes Lest they should see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I should heal them.' Matt 13:14-15 NASB

III. The Kingdom is a _____.

The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." Gen 14:21

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt 5:3 NIV
For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Matt 5:20 NKJV

But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:31-34 NKJV

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within^b you." Luke 17:20-21 NIV

IV. The Kingdom is a _____.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matt 6:9-10 NIV

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." Matt 20:20-21 NIV

And when He had taken a cup, *and* given thanks, He gave *it* to them; and they all drank from it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. "Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Mark 14:23-25 NASB

"There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. Luke 13:28-29