

FOR US AND OUR SALVATION

An Integrative Study of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
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I. The Kingdom of God

- a. **Definition** – “The Kingdom of God is the reign of God dynamically active in human history through Jesus Christ, the purpose of which is the redemption of God’s people from sin and from demonic power, and the final establishment of the new heavens and the new earth.”¹
- b. **Announcement**
 - i. **Matthew 3:1-3** -In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”
 - ii. **Mark 1:4-15** – ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”
- c. **Expectation & Fulfillment**
 - i. Implicit Assumption about the Kingdom of God
 - ii. **Matthew 11:2-6** - Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”
- d. **The Signs of the Presence of the Kingdom of God**
 - i. **The Blind See**
 1. **Isaiah 29:18, 35:5**
 2. **Matthew 9:27-31** - And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” ²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, “See that no one knows about it.” ³¹ But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

¹ Hoekema, Anthony, *The Bible and the Future*, pg. 45

ii. The Lame Walk

1. Isaiah 35:6

2. **Matthew 15:30-31** – And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them,³¹ so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

iii. The Lepers are Cleansed

1. Isaiah 53:4

2. **Matthew 8:1-4** - When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.⁴ And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

iv. The Deaf Hear

1. Isaiah 29:18-19, 35:5

2. **Mark 7:32-37** -³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

v. The Dead are Raised

1. Isaiah 26:18-19

2. **Luke 7:11-17**² - Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him.¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the

² See Also Matthew 10:8 & 11:1-44

bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

vi. **The Gospel is Preached to the Poor**

1. **Isaiah 61:1**
2. **Matthew 5:3³** - Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

vii. **Other Signs**

1. **The Casting Out of Demons (Matthew 12:28, Luke 11:1-44)**
 2. **The Fall of Satan (Luke 10:18, Matthew 12:29)**
 3. **The Forgiveness of Sins (Isaiah 33:24, Jeremiah 31:34, Micah, 7:18-20, Zechariah 13:31, Mark 2:10)**
- e. **"In Jesus' words and deeds, miracles and parables, teaching and preaching, the kingdom of God was dynamically active and present among men."**⁴

³ See Also Luke 14:13, 21

⁴ *ibid*, pg. 43.