



The Kingdom Of God Is Here!

Series: "Real Christianity: How It All Started", Part 2 of 11

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Text: Acts 1:1-11

Big Idea: While in the gospels the message is primarily that the Kingdom of God is near; in Acts the message is that the Kingdom of God is here!

Mark 1:15b, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

"God's dynamic reign by the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, in and through His people wherever and whenever they are doing His will."

Acts 1:6b, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

I. They Were Confused About The "What" Of The Kingdom.

Luke 24:21a, "but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

Acts 1:7b-8, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Luke 17:20, "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 you."

II. They Were Confused About The "When" Of The Kingdom.

Acts 1:6b-7, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."

Mark 13:32, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

1 Thessalonians 5:2, "For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night." {NASV}

Luke 12:39-40, "But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must

be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Colossians 1:13, “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.”

III. They Were Confused About The “How” Of The Kingdom.

Acts 1:7b-8a, “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.”

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