

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God

Mark 1:14-15

Introduction:

- A. Jesus and John were excited about the kingdom
 - 1. Many excited about kingdoms of this world.
 - 2. Few excited about kingdom of God.
- B. Let us consider four phases of the kingdom of God:

Discussion:

I. The Kingdom *Promised*.

- A. By the prophets.
 - 1. The promised ruler (Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:6).
 - 2. Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Dan 2:36-44)
- B. By John and Jesus.
 - 1. At hand (Matt. 3:2; 4:17).
 - 2. In lifetime of that generation (Mk. 9:1).

II. The Kingdom *Realized*.

- A. The king is anointed (Acts 2:29-36).
- B. Early Christians in the kingdom (Col. 1:13; Col. 1:9).

III. The Kingdom *Identified*.

- A. Not a political kingdom (John 19:33-37).
- B. "Church" and "Kingdom" interchangeable.
 - 1. Jesus' usage of the words (Matt. 16:18).
 - 2. Lord's supper in church/kingdom (Lk. 22:16,18; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).
 - 3. Head and King by same process (Acts 2:29-36; Eph. 1:20-23).
 - 4. Hebrew writer (Heb. 12:23, 28).

IV. The Kingdom *Glorified*.

- A. Delivered up at Christ's coming. (1 Cor. 15:22-25).
- B. Everlasting phase still future (2 Pet. 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:50; 6:9, 10; Gal. 5:21).

Conclusion

- A. How excited are you about this kingdom?
- B. Remember: It will continue after all others destroyed?