

GOD'S PLAN UNFOLDS

Part 9

Gospels: Gospels (continued)

As Jesus the King unfolded God's kingdom plan, He revealed three unexpected twists

- Kingdom entry relocated
- Kingdom fulness reserved for later
- King rejected

GOD'S PLAN UNFOLDS, PART 9 - MESSAGE

NT OVERVIEW: GOSPELS – 3 PLOT TWISTS

I. Kingdom entry was relocated

- ▶ Israel = kingdom of priests, “*You are My witnesses*”, a light to the nations (Ex 19:1-6; Isa 43:10; Dt 4:5-8; Zech 8:22-23)
- ▶ Parable of wicked vine-growers; kingdom taken from Israel (Mt 21:33-46)
- ▶ Reason (Mt 23:13; Lk 11:52)

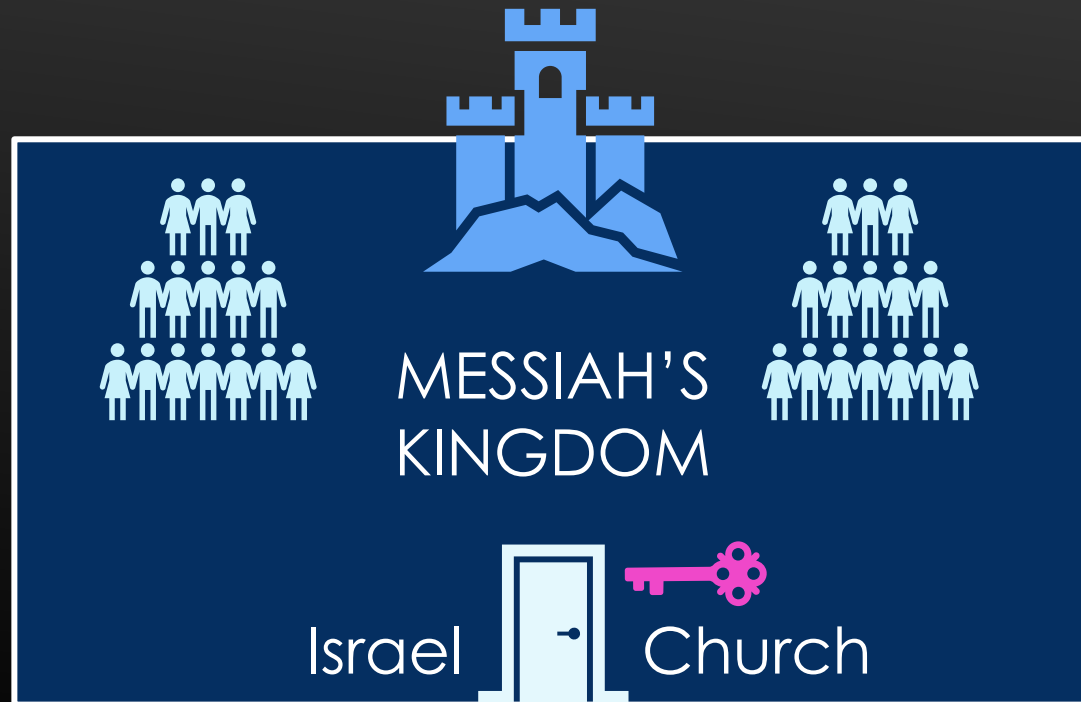
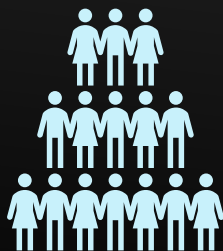
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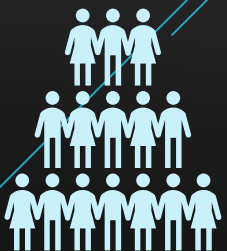
► Keys of the kingdom given to the Church (Mt 16:16-20)

“The person with the keys has the power to exclude or permit entrance” (D. A. Carson, *Expositor's: Matthew*, p. 370)

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II. Kingdom fulness is reserved for later

- ▶ Kingdom blessings await (Mt 19:27-29; 26:29; Lk 22:28-30)
- ▶ *“They thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately”* (Lk 19:11)
- ▶ Parable of ten minas = our need to faithfully serve while Jesus is away
- ▶ Olivet Discourse = A lot occurs before Jesus comes in kingdom fulness (Mt 24-25)

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE – MATTHEW 24-25

Based on D. A. Carson's outline

Mt 24:1-3 Judgment in A.D. 70, prompts two questions

Mt 24:4-28 **Whole interval** before Jesus' return

(Those troubles are NOT signs of His return)

15-28 Brief period just before Jesus' return (NOT A.D. 70)

Mt 24:29-51 Jesus' Second Coming

32-35 Another warning of the **whole interval** of 24:4-28

(He's not returning just yet)

Mt 25 Application: three parables warning disciples to be faithful and anticipate Jesus' return

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III. The King was rejected

- ▶ Jesus was recognized as King (Jn 1:49; Lk 19:38)
- ▶ But it was not God's plan at this time for Jesus to reign in an earthly kingdom (Lk 17:20-25; Jn 6:15; 12:27)
- ▶ So Jesus was rejected as King and killed (Lk 23:2; Jn 18:33 – 19:19; Mk 15:32)
- ▶ Thief somehow understood: **This IS the King and by dying His kingdom is secured!**
- ▶ The King rose from the dead (Jn 10:18)
- ▶ My witnesses (Lk 24:44-49; Isa 43:10; Mt 28:18-20)