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The New Testament! **"The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand"!**

Matthew 10:7 (KJV) And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luke 9:2 (KJV) And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Mark 1:15 (KJV) And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Today we will look at "the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

And know this, the Kingdom of God means the reign of God!

The Jews missed the "Kingdom of God" because they were looking for an earthly kingdom to overthrow and run the Romans out of Jerusalem

We say how could they have missed Him?

Yet we have missed entering into the Kingdom of God for another reason, anyone want to surmise how we have missed it?

Those who repent and believe in His death and resurrection will willingly submit to His reign and rule
The plan of God has always included the call to move into the Kingdom of God

Take it from me, and let me get a couple of more rebels up here, the way of the rebel is hard

Proverbs 13:15 (ESV) Good sense wins favor, but the way of the treacherous is their ruin.

Isaiah 57:21 (ESV) There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

The modern man, the thinker, the philosopher is in trouble because they have not just turned their backs on God they have denied there is a God

But the reign of God is the exact opposite of that!

It is the rule of God, the reign of God presently in His people

It means the coming of the righteousness of God

It means the peace of God for His people

It means that evil is controlled and defeated

It means that God's blessings are already being showered on His people

It means we are in the midst of God's favor

It means we are the heirs of God and are looking forward to everlasting joy with Him in the New Heaven and the New Earth

That is preaching, the Savior has come!

This is what is meant by the Kingdom of God!

Those who repent and believe in His death and resurrection willing submitting to His rule and reign

Why does this make so much sense and is so ignored considering this passage?

Luke 4:18-21 (ESV) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on

him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The day of God's favor has come

The day of release, the day of pardon, the day of renewal, the day of new life, the day of rejoicing in the rule of God instead of rebelling against it has come

The one who set us free wants to now rule and reign and it will be for our good

Romans 6:17-18 (ESV) But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

1 Samuel 30

Mark 1:15 (KJV) And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

God's appointed and previously proclaimed redeemer has arrived

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Luke 1:68 (ESV) "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people".

John 3:16 (ESV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life".

Forget about the age we are living in, God still delivers the captives

This is the crucial act, Christ died on the cross

We cannot enter into the Kingdom of God unless someone has paid our penalty

Christ has redeemed us, He has set us free from sin, satan, self and eternal destruction

So how then can I enter?

Matthew 11:28 (ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV) "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

How can I stand before God?

How can I enter into His Kingdom?

Mark 1:15 (KJV) And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

John 1:12 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Acts 16:31 (ESV) And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Do you want to sing about what Christ has done?

God sent His Son to pay a penalty that I could not pay

To take my place and be my substitute and reconcile me unto Himself

Then what must I do?

Today willingly make Jesus Savior and Lord

John 6:37 (ESV) All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

This is the best and greatest news that has ever been announced

Enter into the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ