



THY KINGDOM COME
“The Holy Spirit Makes Us New”
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How do we define the kingdom?

“The kingdom of the Father’s rule is exercised through the Son by the power of the Spirit so that it is willingly obeyed, gloriously displayed and happily enjoyed among His people in the world.”

Romans 14:17 - “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 8 - Life Through the Spirit // PURIFICATION

Romans 8:11 - If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Mark 1:22-28 - Evil spirits obey the Spirit of God.

GOSPEL OF JOHN

What is the purpose of the book of John?

John 20: 30-31 - Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1. Written by the Evangelist with the same name: JOHN
 2. There are two parts:
 1. Jesus’ public ministry
 2. End of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection
 3. The book starts with “in the beginning” —> to depict the “new creation” as opposed to Genesis
 4. Religious festivals are the focus of Jesus’ ministry —> Passover, feast of tabernacles, and Sukkot
 5. It is the “book of signs”:
 1. Feeding of the 5000
 2. Raising a dead man
 3. Healing a blind man
 4. healing a paralytic
 5. Turning water to wine
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1. John 1:26-27 - “John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.””
 - a. John the Baptist baptizes with water, but he tells about Jesus baptizing with the Spirit.
(A greater baptism)
 2. John 2:1-10 - On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do



whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So, they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

- a) The wedding at Cana. 6 water pots for something else was almost desecration. Jesus valued HIS friends honor more than the ritual of purification.
2. **John 3: 1-8** - Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind [Spirit] blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
- a) We hear this term “born again.” But what does it mean?
 - b) Being born of water and spirit. The Greek can be taken as the “water of the Spirit.” Jewish people would initiate Gentiles into the faith by immersing them into water. According to later Rabbis, they were said to be “as a newborn child.”
 - c) As a teacher of Israel, Nicodemus wouldn’t think that he needed that. But Jesus said, Nicodemus you need to be born from above; which is to be born of the Spirit.
3. **John 4:1-15** - Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria. So, he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so, Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said



to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

- a) Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. This was a sacred site for the Samaritan’s. Yet Jesus offers her a better water, a well of water, Springing up into eternal life within her.
4. **John 5:1-8** - After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda [“house of mercy”], which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”
- a) A man at the pool of Bethesda. Waiting for 38 years for the water to heal him, but water alone could not heal. Jesus came down to DO what the water couldn’t do.
5. **John 7:37-39** - rivers of living water// On the last day of the feast [7th and final feast that GOD told the children of Israel to observe] Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- a) Jesus is speaking to a crowd on the last day of the feast of tabernacles. RITUAL: priests take water from Siloam, pour out at the base of the altar. When the Messiah would come, the foundation stone underneath the altar would split open and rivers of living water would gush out. (Promise of new life!)
 - b) Zechariah 14:8-9 - On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.
 - c) Ezekiel 47:1-2 - dead comes alive; sea, fruit, fish trees, etc.
6. **John 9:1-7** - As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So, he went and washed and came back seeing.
- a) Pool of Siloam; used for rituals. Man was sent there for healing.
7. **John 13:1-8** - Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid



aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

- a) Jesus washes the disciples' feet. It's in the context of going to the cross and what it's going to cost Him to provide purification.

JESUS' DEATH

8. **John 19:31-34** - Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.
 - a) **NO** other Gospel records this but **JOHN**. Why is that important?

Review Questions:

1. *How does the Holy Spirit help you to experience the Kingdom of God?*
2. *What is one way the Holy Spirit ministers to you?*
3. *What changes have you seen in your life since you've been born again?*

FESTIVALS of OBSERVANCE for the JEWS:

1. **Passover:**
2. To remember God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, when God passed over Israelite children and killed the firstborn of every Egyptian family.
3. **Unleavened Bread:**
4. To celebrate the escape from Egypt and provision of bread from the earth.
5. **First fruits:**
6. To celebrate God's gift of harvest.
7. **Shavuot:**
8. Thanksgiving for the end of the harvest and the anniversary of receiving the Law.
9. **Rosh Hashanah:**
10. To prepare for God's judgment.
11. **Yom Kippur:**
12. A day for the nation to seek forgiveness. God passed the judgment of the people onto a scapegoat.
13. **Sukkot: "Feast of Tabernacles"**
14. To remember when the Jewish people lived in the wilderness before entering Canaan.