

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was



alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the Kingdom of God.
Acts 1:1-3 (NIV)



The Kingdom was about ...

- 1) Family (heritage)
- 2) Land (possession)
- 3) Rules/Ritual (religion)
- 4) Authority (power)
- 5) Eternity (hope)



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:10 (NIV)



Sower [*Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8*]
Mustard Seed [*Matthew 13; Mark 4*]
Rich Ruler [*Matthew 19; Luke 18*]
"What is impossible with men is possible with God."



What if the Kingdom of God is ...
NOW (*not just later*)
HERE (*not just there*)
ME (*not just us*)



"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, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

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"This, then, is how you should pray:
" 'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven."

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Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'
[for yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.]

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

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