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## Being Kingdom-minded

Matthew 4:12-25

### Introduction:

- What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you wake-up?
  1. Generally, we are people of r\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Specifically, Christians must have a proper m\_\_\_\_\_.
- Matthew 4:12 begins the topic of the kingdom
  1. Luke's gospel records events in c\_\_\_\_\_ order.
  2. Matthew's gospel records events in t\_\_\_\_\_ order.
    - a. Matt 1-2 – Jesus as the r\_\_\_\_\_ Christ
    - b. Matt 3-4:11 – Jesus as the s\_\_\_\_\_ Christ
    - c. Matt 4:12 – the kingdom of Christ
- Aim of the message – that we all would be motivated to keep the kingdom at the center of our focus as we live out our daily lives.

### Who is the only Savior? – The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom (12-16)

- Jesus makes His base of ministry the city of C\_\_\_\_\_ (13)
  1. Because John the Baptist was \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem
  2. Because He was r\_\_\_\_\_ in His home town of Nazareth.
  3. In order to f\_\_\_\_\_ the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1,2
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  1. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali was historically treated harshly by God because the Jewish people i\_\_\_\_\_ with the Gentile population.
  2. The region was called “G\_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles” because it was heavily populated by Gentiles. Jews who lived in this region were looked down upon by other Jews.
  3. Isaiah prophesies of God bringing glory to the region by the rising of a great l\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. The great light is called the Prince of P\_\_\_\_\_ (Is 9:6)
    - b. Jesus is that light.
  4. The light shines on those sitting in d\_\_\_\_\_
- What is this darkness?
  1. It is s\_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:9,10)
    - a. Sin literally means to miss the m\_\_\_\_\_, which is the g\_\_\_\_\_ of God (Rom 3:23)
    - b. God's mark is for us to r\_\_\_\_\_ His glory (light) in all that we do, say, and think. When we don't, that is sin.
  2. It is i\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 4:18) – people need to know who the only Savior really is.
- Being kingdom-minded means that I must always remember that Jesus

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is the o\_\_\_\_\_ Savior and so the only solution to sin and ignorance.

### How is one saved? – The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom (17,23-25)

- Jesus preached in the synagogues the g\_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom (gospel means g\_\_\_\_\_ news) and healed every ailment among the people.
  1. He called for r\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. Literal meaning - to change one's t\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Practical meaning – to change your orientation from being “me-centered” to being “C\_\_\_\_\_ - centered.
  2. He gave the reason for repentance – the kingdom has drawn n\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. The kingdom had not yet come (Matt 6:10) but was fast approaching.
    - b. Jesus ushers the kingdom in by dying on the cross and rising from the d\_\_\_\_\_ (Col 1:13).
- What is the gospel of the kingdom?
  1. I Cor 15:1-4 – Christ d\_\_\_\_\_ for our sins, was buried, and rose from the grave, proving it by appearing to many.
  2. The gospel plainly put – Jesus purposely died on the cross for sins. He was buried and despite the efforts to keep in the grave, He rose from the dead and showed Himself to all His followers. This proves Jesus must be who He claimed to be, God in the flesh. And it proves that Jesus must have accomplished what He came to do, to effectively pay for the sins of all who trust in Him.
  3. God will not save anyone apart from the gospel message (Rom 10:17; Rom 1:16)
- Being kingdom-minded means that I always remember that Jesus saves people through the gospel message.

### Why am I saved? – The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom (18-22)

- Jesus called two sets of b\_\_\_\_\_ to follow Him
  1. They were already f\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (Jn 1:40-43)
  2. This was a call of leaving their v\_\_\_\_\_ of fishing for fish to fishing for people (i.e. to bring people into the kingdom). Don't carry this metaphor any further than that.
- Jesus calls every believer to follow Him as a total commitment in order to be His w\_\_\_\_\_.
  1. We are to witness by our l\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 5:16)
  2. We are to witness by telling our s\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 3:15)
  3. We are to witness by sharing the g\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8)
- Being kingdom-minded means to l\_\_\_\_\_ as His witness.