

Sermon Notes

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Title: KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Main Text: Matthew overview

Sermon Description: Many have argued for the thematic continuity of the entire Bible appealing to the 'kingdom' theme. I don't think the author of Matthew would disagree. In fact on close analysis of his gospel, we find this central idea and organizing concept absolutely pervasive. By my count, documenting instances where David's lineage, the kingdom of heaven, and Christ as ultimate King are featured, we have 50 plus texts emphasizing this theme. Other distinctive features of Matthew include: five defined discourses or sermons throughout the book, literary devices such as parable, narrative/imperative continuity (where the events recorded alongside the words of Christ mutually reinforce one another), and multiple significant citations of Old Testament prophecy which foreshadow the author's documentation. Matthew truly is the trained scribe Jesus identified in 13:52, as one who serves the Kingdom of Heaven by bringing out of his treasure what is new and what is old. One specific 'old treasure' well serves as a framework for Matthew's entire project – Isaiah 9:1-7. Here the prophet highlights specifics of Messiah's person, purpose, and proclamation. All of Matthew can be charted as a documentary of the fulfillment of this text as it relates to the Kingdom of Heaven. Today, we will provide sample instances of this fulfillment dividing the prophecy in four categories...

Heading: ...KINGDOM CONFIRMATION DOCUMENTED AS JESUS...

1. REACHES THE OUTCAST (Is 9:1) (Mat 21:31-32)

- a. Galilee ministry (Mt 4:12-25) b. Centurion occasion (8:12-25) c. Canaanite woman (15:21-31)

2. REVEALS HIS WORD (Is 9:2-3) (Mat 4:23)

- a. Introductory theme (5:1-10) b. Discourse themes (5-7,10,13,18,24-25) c. Finale discourse (25:31-34)

3. REVERSES THE FORTUNES OF THE LOST (Is 9:4-5) (Mat 26:28)

- a. Signal healings (9:23-33, 12:22-28, 20:19-34, 21:14-15) b. Mission prophesied (16:21, 17:22-23, 20:17-18)
- c. Gospel arc (9:1-8, 26:26-29)

4. REALIZES THE ULTIMATE THRONE OF DAVID (Is 9:6-7) (Mat 21:3)

- a. Beginning to end (1:1,20-21,23, 2:1-12) b. Triumphal entry (21:1-9) c. Authority asserted (28:16-20)

AIM: TO EMPHASISE THE THEMATIC LINK BETWEEN THE GREATNESS OF GOD AND THE GREATNESS OF THE GOSPEL.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Outcast 1	Outcast 2	Kingdom finale	Complete healing	Gospel arc	King arrives
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 8:5-13	15:21-31	25:31-34	9:1-8	26:26-29	21:1-9

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencexcrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: TBA