



The Good News Jesus Preached

Mark 1:14-15; 2 Cor. 5:14-21

Bottom Line

The gospel Jesus preached involved both transformation and invitation. Believing this gospel results in a new creation and a new calling.

Introduction

There have been many definitions of “the gospel” throughout church history.

Many have mixed up the gospel with “the plan of salvation.”

Struggle

The gospel message of the many churches today has made Jesus to be Savior but forgotten Him as Lord.

While the cross and resurrection are of most importance in the redemption of God’s people, this is not the gospel.

Truth

Jesus preached what we know as the “gospel of the Kingdom.”

The good news, the gospel, is not about a cross. It’s about a Kingdom.

The good news is that the King is extending the invitation for every person be a part of His Kingdom.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul informs us of our *new identity* because of Christ the Savior. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul informs us of our *new calling* to represent Christ the King.

To become a citizen of the Kingdom is also to become an ambassador for the Kingdom. They cannot be separated.

To represent the Kingdom is to demonstrate “on Earth as it is in Heaven.”

Conclusion

You cannot find joy in the new calling if you have yet to find life in the new identity. Surrender the heart and the will and recognize Christ as Savior and King. Be made new in Jesus today.

Next Steps

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.
- Recall the ways in which Jesus has given you a new identity.
- Choose today to accept the role as a representative of Jesus here on Earth.