



STRENGTHNING THE CORE: For King and Kingdom

Matthew 4:12-17

1. Everyone has their own kingdom. What does a person's kingdom consist of? How does this relate to God and His Kingdom?
2. Read Matthew 4:12-17. What was the topic of Jesus' preaching?
3. The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God are used interchangeably in the Bible (Matthew 4:17 & Mark 1:15). They are distinguished by what they emphasize. What is the emphasis of both?
4. The King of the kingdom has authority. Based upon the following verses, what does King Jesus have authority over?
 - a. Matthew 4:23-25
 - b. Matthew 11:4-5
 - c. What other areas does Jesus demonstrate authority over?
5. What were two methods of how Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom?
 - a. Matthew 4:23
 - b. Matthew 4:23-24
6. What do the following parables teach us about the Kingdom?
 - a. The Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)
 - b. The Net (Matthew 13:47-50)
7. Jesus said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17). This is the Gospel!
 - a. What did He mean by "come near"?
 - b. What did He mean by "repent"?
8. By following the life of John, the Apostle, it is evident that the Gospel of the Kingdom brings transformation to an individual who comes near to God through repentance. What is the evidence of John's transformation?