

RECAP NOTES for Wednesday Night Bible Study on 10/1/08
"Jesus Christ and The Gospel of the Kingdom"

- I. Jesus' references to the KINGDOM in Mark 1:15 and Matthew 23:10 both indicated a future fulfillment
- II. When Christ used the words "at hand" he literally meant that the Kingdom had "Approached and had come NEAR to them" and more specifically spoke to the potential for it's establishment in the world.
- III. Three persons/people who delivered this message:
 1. John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1,2)
 2. Jesus (Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15)
 3. The Apostles - (Matthew 10:1-3,7)
- IV. DISTINCTIONS RELATED TO THE KINGDOM:
 1. Content; The Gospel of Christ (I Corinthians 15:1-5) versus the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matthew 10:5,7; 16:21,22)
 2. Commission: Restricted (Matthew 5:7) versus UNIVERSAL (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19)
 3. Preparation: (for ministry)
For the Gospel of the Kingdom: NO extra provisions were to be taken with the Apostles as they ministered;
For the Gospel of Christ: extra provisions WERE to be taken (Luke 22:35,36)
- V. REASONS FOR THE DISTINCTIONS:
 1. Content: The triumphal entry of Christ at Jerusalem (Luke 19:29-42) was the decisive point of history for Israel and the fact that Jesus went signified the incredible significance of that "time". There would be no second chance!
 2. Commission - Why to Israel and not to the Gentiles? Because of God's special covenant relationship with the nation in which He had predetermined to NOT establish His Theocratic Kingdom until this people had acknowledged the TRUE Messiah and had repented. (EXODUS 19:6; Zechariah 12-14; Acts 3:12-21)
 3. Preparation: The TRUE Messiah would bless the world with a superabundance of Food one day SO a daily, supernatural provision of the Apostle's Food and Wells would support the truthfulness of their claim of being the bearers of the Messiah's Gospel of the Kingdom!