



Is there any Hope?

Matthew Ch. 1:

The Birth of a King and the Kingdom that He brings



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"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters."

Gal. 4:4-5

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matt. 4: 17

"Matthew wrote to primarily persuade Jews that Jesus is the fulfillment of their Messianic hopes pictured in the Old Testament."

A.T. Roberts

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Tamar Rahab Ruth Bathsheba Mary

"The men in Jesus' lineage demonstrate Jesus' qualification as King; the women demonstrate the essence of his kingship."

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Tamar



Judah said, "She is more righteous than I am..." Gen 38:26

Rahab:



"For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below."

Josh. 2:11

Ruth:



"Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." Ruth 1:16

Bathsheba:



"She gave birth to a Son and they named him Solomon; and the Lord loved him." 2 Sam. 12:24

Mary:



"I am your servant, may everything you have said about me come true." Luke 1:38



So what do we discover about the essence of the kingdom that Jesus brings?

1. The Kingdom is 'Good News' for both men AND women!

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Gen. 1:27

"Genesis 1 ripples with the creative display of diversity that complements each other: God and creation, light and darkness, earth and sky, sun and moon, land and sea, human and animals. And at the pinnacle of God's creation stands the masterpiece of male and female. Creation is not uniform, but a beautiful display of differences interacting with each other for the sake of displaying that which by themselves they could never do." Preston Sprinkle



"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Ps 46:1 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal. 3: 26-28

2. The Kingdom includes both Jew AND Gentile!

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Matt. 28: 19

" I saw a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages..." Rev. 7:9 "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility," Eph. 2:14

"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth." Acts. 17:26

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 1 Cor. 15:45



Jonah

I AM....

I AM CALLED OF GOD - 2 TIM 1:9 I AM CHOSEN - 1 THESSALONIANS 1:4 I AM THE APPLE OF MY FATHER'S EYE - PSALM 17:8 I AM BEING CHANGED INTO HIS IMAGE - 2 COR 3:18 I AM A NEW CREATION - 2 COR 5:17 I AM THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - 1 COR 6:19 I AM FORGIVEN OF ALL MY SINS - EPHESIANS 1:7 I AM REDEEMED FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW - GAL 3:13 I AM BLESSED - GALATIANS 3:9 I AM ABOVE AND NOT BENEATH - DEUTERONOMY 28:13 I AM ELECT - COLOSSIANS 3:12 I AM VICTORIOUS - REVELATIONS 12:11 I AM ONE IN CHRIST - JOHN 17:21 I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE - PSALM 139:14 I AM SET FREE - JOHN 8:31

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Rom. 15:7 3. The Kingdom includes both Saint AND Sinners!

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus," Eph. 1:1

"For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." Hebrews 10:14 4. The Kingdom is marked by people of boldness AND courage!

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

Acts 4:13



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metanoeo = "to deeply contemplate"

"Matthew's view of life change is one of behavioral change coming as a result of deep consideration of Jesus' kingship and the essence of his kingdom, change that comes not through weak will power, but a genuine conversion of the heart and mind."



What attitude or action is blocking the light of the Kingdom in your life?