

Kingdom of God

- Mark 1:14, 15—"The Kingdom of God has come near"
- Luke 8:1—"Jesus traveled from town to town proclaiming the kingdom of God"
- Luke 9:1—"Jesus gathered the disciples together to preach the kingdom of God"
- Acts 1:3—"After His resurrection, Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God."
- Acts 28:31—"Paul taught about the Lord Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God."

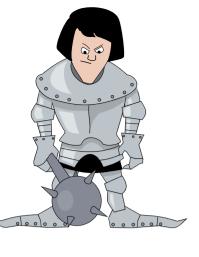
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- Acts 8:12— Philip "preach the things concerning the kingdom of God"
- Acts 19:8—Paul reasoned with and persuaded people concerning the Kingdom.
- Acts 20:25—Paul had gone among the Ephesians preaching the kingdom of God.
- Acts 28:23—Paul solemnly testified of the Kingdom of God to the Jews in Rome.

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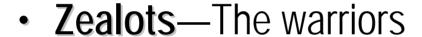
- Romans 14:17—Paul wrote about the nature of the Kingdom.
- I Cor. 15:24-26—Jesus gives the Kingdom to God when He returns.
- Col. 1:13—How we are now in the Kingdom
- Heb. 6:5—Tasting the powers of the coming age





A Brief History





- Pharisees—Holy ones
- Essenes—The monks











Missional Points

- We live with the idea that the Gospel's chief aim is to make us fit for heaven, when in reality Jesus' message is focused on making us citizens and recipients of the Kingdom of God today.
- If the story is all about death and eternity, then the church just becomes about programs to keep the uninterested interested.
- The Gospel is about participation, not consumption.