1 – **Preaching The Gospel Of The Kingdom**

Luke 16:16

2 - **Abiding in the Doctrine of Christ…**

* “*Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in* ***the teaching of Christ****, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son*.” (2 John 9)
* The teaching about the Christ or the teaching that Jesus Christ gave? (Revelation 2:14-15; cf., John 15:7)

3 - **How will we apply Jesus’ preaching?**

* The larger question is: are we accountable to all that Jesus Christ taught during His ministry?
* Many espouse that all that Jesus taught during His ministry applied only to those under the Old Law – the Law of Moses.
* There are challenging texts in Jesus’ teaching (John 6:60) that some simply want to avoid – perhaps most notably, Jesus’ teaching on marriage and divorce.

4 - **What some say re: the doctrine of Christ**…

**“New Testament truth: none of the teaching in MMLJ/BC is New Testament doctrine. Any New Testament gospel preacher, elder, deacon, Bible class teacher, or Christian who teaches any doctrine from MMLJ/BC as the New Testament teaching of Christ and seeks to bind it on the Lord’s New Covenant church today – rejects the teaching of Christ and the apostles, and denies the true New Testament doctrine of Christ.”**

**5 - What isn’t being debated…**

* Jesus Christ, being a Jew, did in fact live under the Old Law and was responsible for obeying the Old Law.
* This He did perfectly, without sin (Hebrews 4:14-16).
* We read throughout the four gospels of Jesus and His apostles observing the Law as his parents taught Him to do (Luke 2:41).

**6 – What isn’t being debated…**

The end of the Old Covenant was marked by the death of Christ and was in full effect until then. (Colossians 2:14)

Salvation and forgiveness of sins through the blood of Christ was obviously not possible until Jesus shed His blood (Hebrews 9:14-22) upon the cross.

**7 – What isn’t being debated…**

It is also granted that during His ministry, the kingdom had not yet been established (Mark 9:1) and that all references to the kingdom in the gospels are always to something in the near future with repeated occurrences of the expression that the kingdom is *“at hand”* (Matthew 10:7) or “*come near to you*”(Luke 10:9-11).

**8 – What isn’t being debated…**

Neither had the church come into existence as Jesus spoke prospectively about the fact that it was something He would build.
(*“I will build My church,”* Matthew 11:28)

It’s understood that a testament or a covenant is not in effect until the death of the one who made it (Hebrews 9:15-18).

Thus, the New Covenant was not bound upon man prior to the death of Christ.

**9 – What isn’t being debated…**

It’s agreed that “**Christians” did not exist during Jesus’ time upon earth** but that designation is reserved for those who were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins (Acts 11:26).

10 - **What the issue is…**

**That what Jesus taught while living in subjection to the Law of Moses has no authority over those who live after the establishment of the church and the kingdom. This I strongly deny!**

I believe **the scriptures teach** that what Jesus taught in the gospels is the **foundation** and **substance** of the **New Covenant** that all people are accountable to.

Any advocacy of such by the scriptures is both false and **eternally dangerous**, and needs to be exposed as such and refuted.

11 - **What did Jesus preach?**

* Jesus preached something other than ***“the law and the prophets”***which had been proclaimed ***“until John”***. What He preached was the ***“gospel of the kingdom of God”***. (Luke 16:16; 4:42-44; Matthew 4:23; 13:10-11; 16:16-19; (note, “***mysteries of the kingdom***”, not “**mysteries of the Law**”)

12 - **What did Jesus preach?**

Though **the Kingdom** was not yet established, Jesus repeatedly spoke about:

* **How** to enter it. Matthew 7:21; Mark 9:47; John 3:3-5
* **Who** could enter it. Matthew 5:20; 18:3
* The **challenges** to entering it. Matthew 19:23-24
* **Conduct** within the kingdom. Matthew 5-7
* The **King of the Kingdom**.

13 - **What did Jesus preach?**

* **The new Covenant**. (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:19-20; Hebrews 8:6-13; 9:15-17)
* While a covenant is not in ***“force”*** while the one who made it lives, **the establishment and communication of such a covenant DOES take place while the testator still lives**, even while another covenant may be ***“valid.”***

14 - **The “New” Covenant**

* If Jesus did not establish the authority of the *“****new covenant****”* while He lived, **when did He**?
* If we can’t read about the binding provisions of the *“****better covenant****”* (Hebrews 7:22; 8:6) in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, then where can we read of them?
* Definition of ***“New”*** – “as respects substance; **of a new kind**; **unprecedented**, novel, uncommon, **unheard of**” (Thayer's)

15 - **The Christian’s Relationship With Jesus’ Teaching**

* **We’re to be united in them**. John 17:20-21
* **We’re to be judged by them**. John 12:48
* **They alone give life**. John 6:68
* **His teaching is to continue to be taught**. Matthew 28:18-20