1 - **Preaching The Life of Jesus - a Life Devoted to His Kingdom**
 Luke 16:16

2 - **The Gospel of the Kingdom**

* *“The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John;* ***since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached****, and everyone is forcing his way into it.”* (Luke 16:16; cf., Matthew 4:23)

Ministry of John the Baptist

The Law & The Prophets Proclaimed

The Gospel of the Kingdom Preached

The apostles preached the kingdom also. (Acts 8:12; 19:8; 20:25; 28:31

3 - **The Gospel of the Kingdom**

Many falsely teach that what Jesus preached was simply clarification of the Old Law.

Jesus declared since He supplanted John that He preached the “***good news***” **of the kingdom**.

*“Jesus was going throughout all Galilee,* ***teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom****, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.”* (Matthew 4:23)

4 - **The Kingdom of Prophecy**

Any devout Jew and student of the Law and OT scriptures would have been looking for the kingdom.

*"In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up* ***a kingdom which will never be destroyed****, and that kingdom will not be left for another people;* ***it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms****, but it will itself endure forever.”* (Daniel 2:44)

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* Students of the scriptures should have noted:
	+ The kingdom would come in the 4th empire beginning with Babylon… the Roman empire.
	+ God would establish this kingdom (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:20-23) which would have no end.
	+ With a kingdom comes a king, dominion & rule.

6 - **The Kingdom of Prophecy**

*"I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and* ***He came up to the Ancient of Days*** *and was presented before Him. 14 And* ***to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom****, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and* ***His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed****.”* (Daniel 7:13-14)

7 - **The Nature of the Kingdom**

* + **The multitudes sought to make Jesus their earthly king**. (John 6:15)
	+ Even the 12 misunderstood. (Matthew 20:21; Luke 19:11; Acts 1:6)

8 - **The Nature of the Kingdom**

What Jesus taught:

*“Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, ‘****The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed****; 21 nor will they say, “look, here it is!” or, “There it is!” For behold,* ***the kingdom of God is in your midst****.’”* (Luke 17:20-21)

9 - **The Nature of the Kingdom**

What Jesus taught:

*“Jesus answered, ‘****My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm****.’”* (John 18:36; cf., Romans 14:17)

10 - **The Nature of the Kingdom**

Jesus taught about the nature of the Kingdom through parables that teach what it is “***like***” or what it may be ***“compared to”***.

* **Matthew 13:24, 31, 33, 44, 45, 47; 20:1; 22:2**

11 - **The Imminence of the Kingdom**

The ***“time is fulfilled”*** (cf., Gal. 4:4; 1 Tim. 2:6) and ***“the kingdom of God is at hand.”*** (Mark 1:15)

* The Kingdom to be “***recognized”*** (Lk. 21:31)
* Jesus said some ***“standing here”***, *“****would not taste death*** *until they* ***see the kingdom of God after it has come with power****.”* (Mark 9:1; Luke 24:46-49)
* **Fulfilled:** (Colossians 1:13-18)

12 - **The Ownership of the Kingdom**

**Granted by the Father to Jesus**! (Luke 22:29)

**Church = Kingdom** (Matthew 16:18-19; cf., Matthew 22:29-30; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30)

* Speaks of the governance and authority in the church

13 - **Entrance into the Kingdom and Who the Kingdom belongs to…**

Jesus defined how anyone ***“enter”*** His kingdom.

* Not defined by human authority. (Matthew 5:20)
* Not by lip service but by faithful obedience. (Matthew 7:21-23)
* Through great humility and trust. (Matthew 18:3)
* Not by trusting or focusing on the things of this life. (Matthew 19:23-24)
* By being ***“born again”***. (John 3:5)

14 - **Entrance into the Kingdom and Who the Kingdom belongs to…**

Theme of the Sermon on the Mount:

* ***“Theirs is the kingdom of heaven”*** (Matt. 5:3, 10) or ***“the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*** (Matthew 19:14)
* Jesus right to define who can be part of His Kingdom and who ***“cannot be My disciple”***
(Luke 14:26, 27, 33)

15 - **The Destiny of those in the Kingdom**

There will be a separation:

* Those prepared will be welcomed into the wedding feast, the unprepared will be eternally separated. (Matthew 25:1-13)
* Only the faithful in the kingdom will be part of that which is delivered back to the Father.
(1 Corinthians 15:24)