



A New Humanity and the Good News of the Kingdom

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A. The Good News of the Kingdom (Matthew 4: 12 – 17)



1. The Kingdom defined --- King, people, place

1.1 Garden of Eden

1.2 Six key conditions

- a. God and humanity
- b. Community
- c. Vocation
- d. Healthy environment
- e. Personal wholeness
- f. No death

2. The King rejected, the Kingdom spoilt (Gen 3)

2.1 Rejection of rightful, loving King

2.2 Affects all areas of kingdom life,
effects seen until today

a. God and humanity – lost in sin

b. Community – wars and rumours of war

c. Vocation – no work or meaningless work

d. Healthy environment – environmental damage,
climate change

e. Personal wholeness – sickness

f. No death – death

3. God's gracious response --- the good news of the Kingdom (Daniel 2: 37 – 45)

- 3.1 A new heaven and a new earth (Isaiah 65: 17-25)
See for e.g. 2 Peter 3:11-13; Revelation 5:1-10;
Revelation 21, 22)
- 3.2 All areas of Kingdom life restored and improved
 - a. God and humanity – (Rev 21:1-5)
 - b. Community (Rev 5:9)
 - c. Vocation (Rev 5:10)
 - d. Healthy environment (Rev 22:1-5)
 - e. Personal wholeness (Rev 21:4)
 - f. No death (Rev 21:4)

4. God's agent of renewal

4.1 Messiah (Isaiah 61)

4.2 Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)

4.3 God (Isaiah 40)

5. Jesus comes to fulfil God's plan to bring in the new kingdom

- 5.1 He died on the Cross, to pay the necessary price to make it possible
- 5.2 He rose again to show that the Cross had accomplished its mission

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5.3 In His earthly ministry He witnessed to the in-breaking Kingdom

5.3.1 By what He did (demonstration)

- a. Who He mixed with
- b. By His miracles
- c. By the testimony of His life

5.3.2 By what He said (proclamation)


- a. Teaching
- b. Preaching a call to repentance



6. Jesus will return to usher in the Kingdom in its fullness

B.
**Jesus raises a new
humanity as the first step
in ushering in the Kingdom
(Matthew 4: 18 – 25)**




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- 1. To be the first fruits of the Kingdom
(James 1:18)**
 - 2. To be instruments of the Kingdom
(Acts 1:7-8)**
 - A. Demonstration**
 - B. Proclamation**

**Discipleship must be seen in the
light of God's kingdom agenda**

C. Some ministry implications



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1. **Hope**
 2. **Ministry**
 3. **Spiritual formation**
 4. **Worship**