

# Jesus

The King

## Summary (so far)

- Occam's Razor
- The spiritual is the real, the natural is the shadow
- The "real" creation is Christ's creation
- God is not mechanical but loving, sane, kind, etc.
- Jesus was "the word"; the embodiment of what God was trying to say to us
- Jesus was "the spirit"; the embodiment of God's life-giving power

# The Genesis Connection

- And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Gen. 1:26-27)

# The Genesis Connection

- Cmp. Eph 1:20-21 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- 1Pe\_4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- Cmp. Rev\_1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Right Model?

Adam to Saul

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No KoG



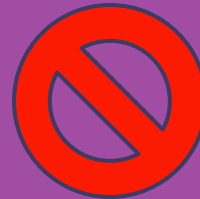
Saul to  
Zedekiah

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Zedekiah to 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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Time

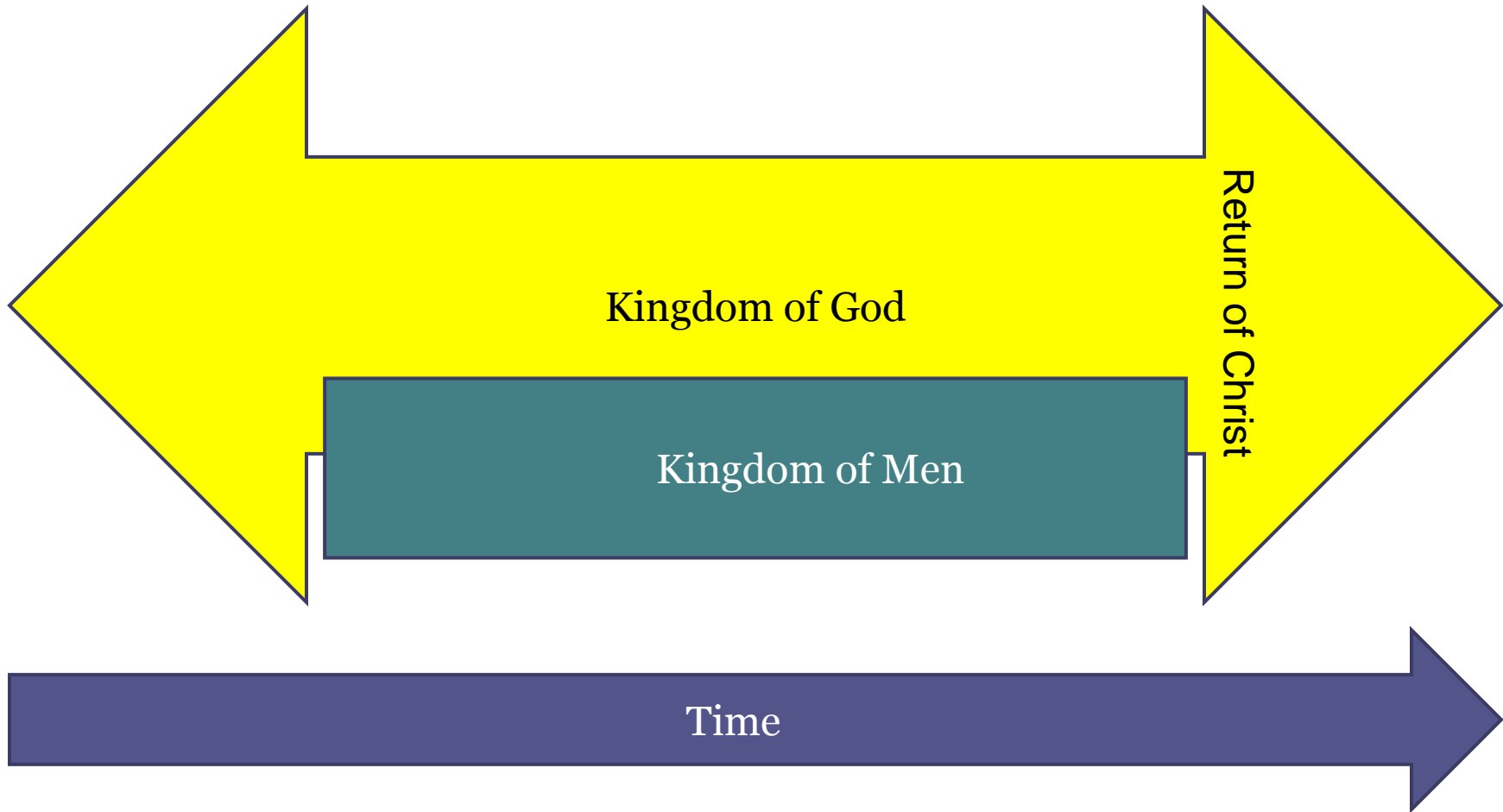
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# What does “set up” mean?

- Ezr 5:2 Then **rose up** <06966> Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.
- Da 2:31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, **stood** <06966> before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

# The Right Model







# Degree of Representation on Earth

- Days of Kings – Capital on earth in Jerusalem
- Days of Jesus – King present
- Days of the Ecclesia – “embassies” present on the earth
- Days of the Millennium – fully formed on earth

# An Everlasting Kingdom

- **Ps 145:10-13 (NIV)**
- **The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.**

A man is shown in profile, reading a newspaper. The newspaper has the word "Citizenship" and "Passing the Test" visible on it. An American flag is overlaid on the bottom right of the image. The word "Citizenship" is written in a large, bold, black font in the upper right quadrant of the image.

# Citizenship

- **Phil 3:20, 21 (NIV)**
- **But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.**



## Ambassadors

- **2 Cor. 5:18-20 (NIV) All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.**

## A Distant Country

- <sup>11</sup> While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. <sup>12</sup> He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return.” (Luke 19:11-12 NIV)



## KOG in the New Testament

- The majority of the references in the New Testament refer to the Kingdom of God in the present tense.

# Thy Kingdom Come

- It doesn't say "thy Kingdom be created."
- "On earth as it is in heaven."
- And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Rev. 21:2)





## Kingdom of Heaven Parables

- All say “the kingdom of heaven is like...”
- All speak of the Kingdom in the present tense
- All speak of something now -- found, growing, etc.
- Hard to understand if limiting to the future Kingdom of God on earth



# Kingdom of Heaven =KOG

Matt. 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mark 1:14 - And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Luke 13:18,19 - Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed.

Matt. 13:31 - The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed

# Matthew was not afraid to say “God” to his Jewish audience

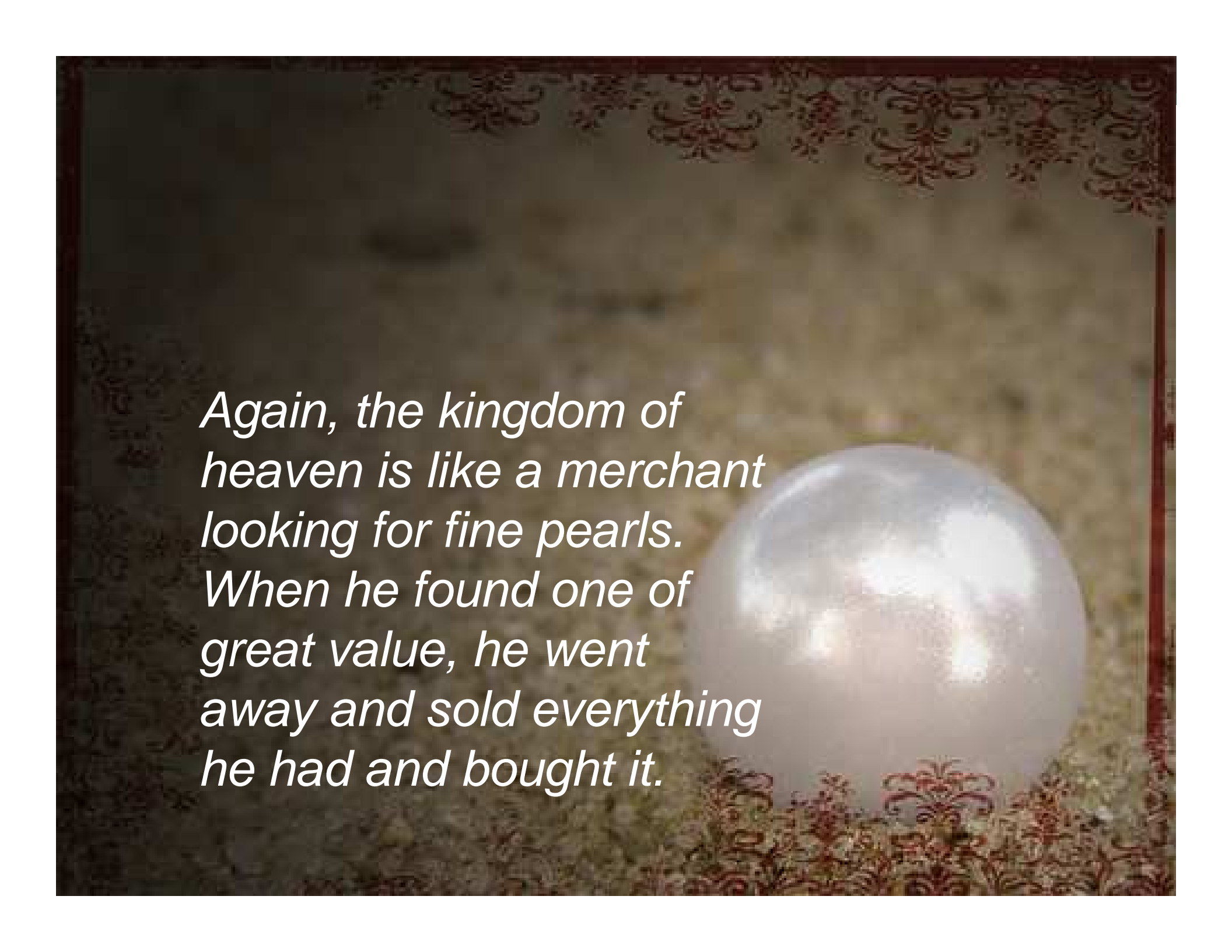
- Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- Mt 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
- Mt 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- Mt 21:31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
- Mt 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

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# Marriage Invitation: Matt. 22:1-14

- Is this the way the future KoG on earth is going to be?
  - Are people going to reject going to Judgment?
  - Is God going to call people and then attack them when they don't come?
  - What is the symbol of the man without the wedding garment?
- Does the presentation of the Gospel during this dispensation fit this parable?



A large, glowing pearl is the central focus, resting on a bed of green and brown foliage. The background is dark and ornate, with intricate patterns. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*

# Yeast

A close-up photograph of a small, light-colored ceramic plate resting on a dark wooden surface. In the center of the plate is a small, conical pile of dry yeast granules, which appear as fine, light-brown particles. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the yeast and the smooth surface of the plate.

*He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount[b] of flour until it worked all through the dough.”*

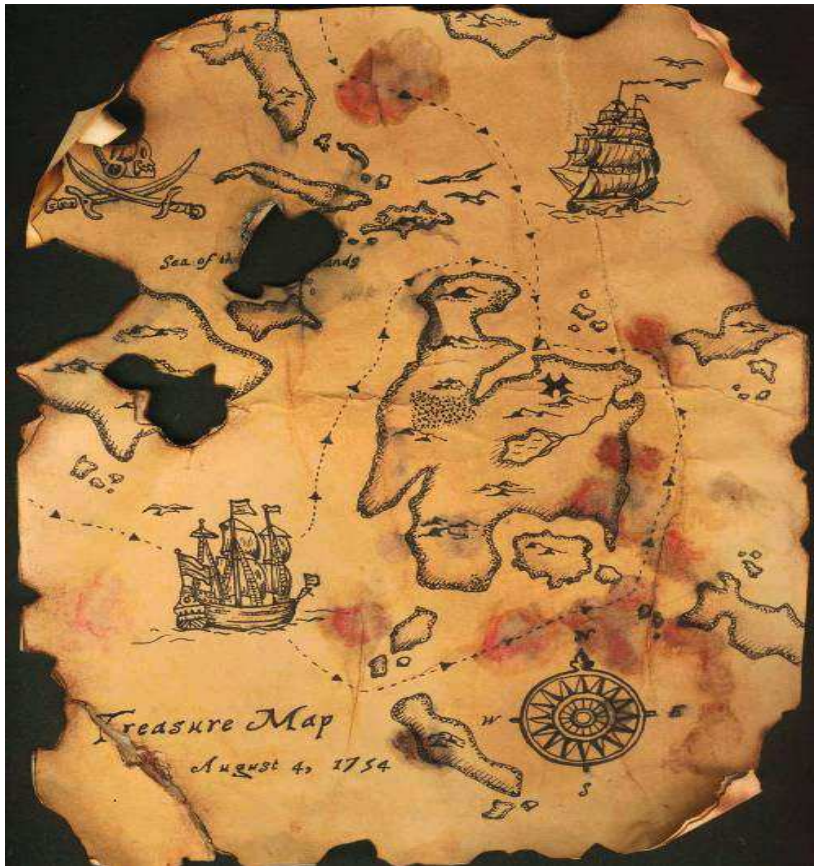
# Hiring Laborers - Matt. 20:1-16

- **Is God hiring laborers during the Millennium?**
- **If not, when is this happening?**
- **What is the time of payment versus the time of labor?**

# Like Sowed Seed

- Matthew 13:24,25 - "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way."

# Like Buried Treasure



- Mt 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."



Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like?  
and whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of  
mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his  
garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the  
fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it. (Luke  
13:18,19)



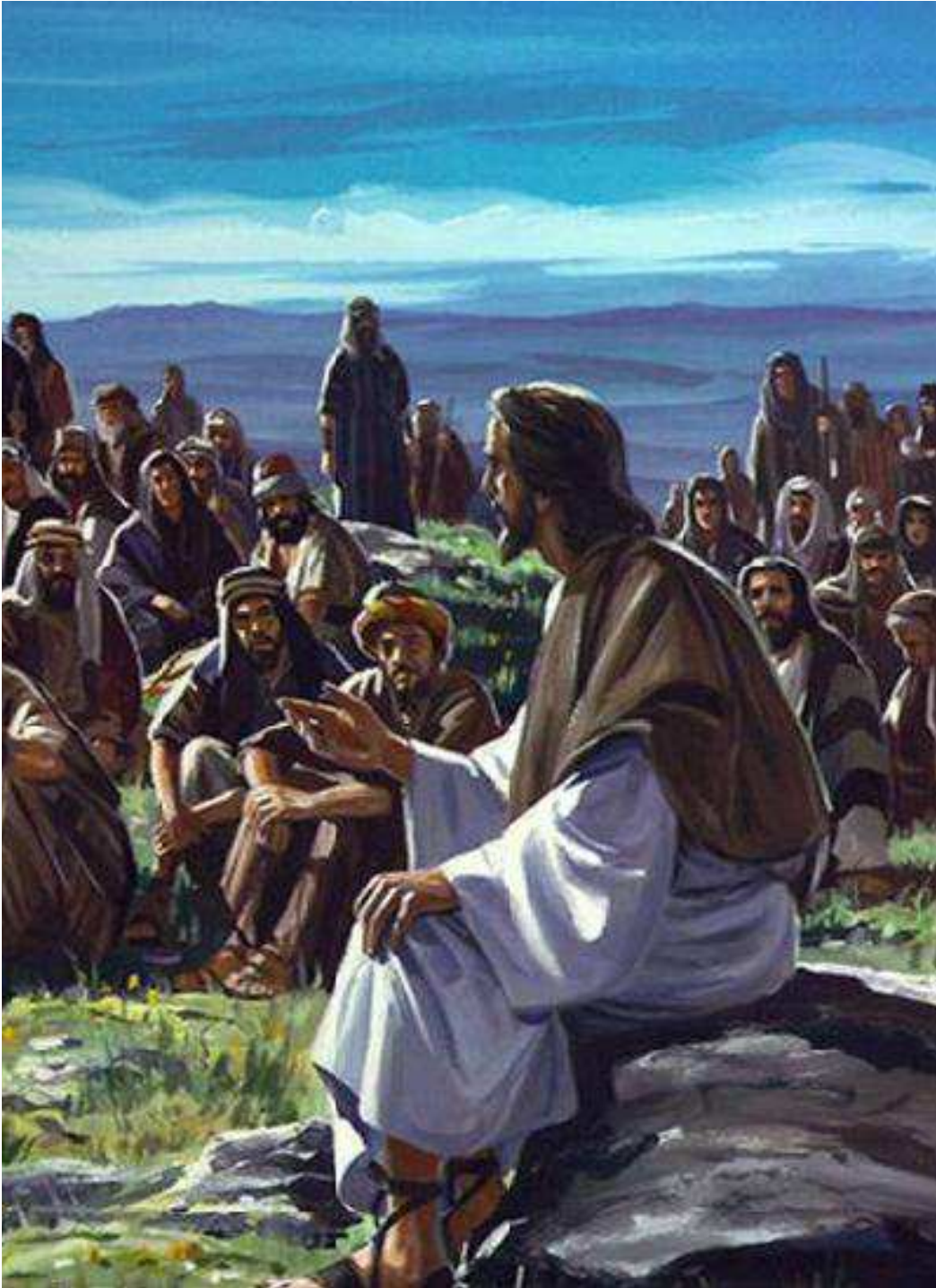
*The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.*

(Luke 17:20,21 - NASB)

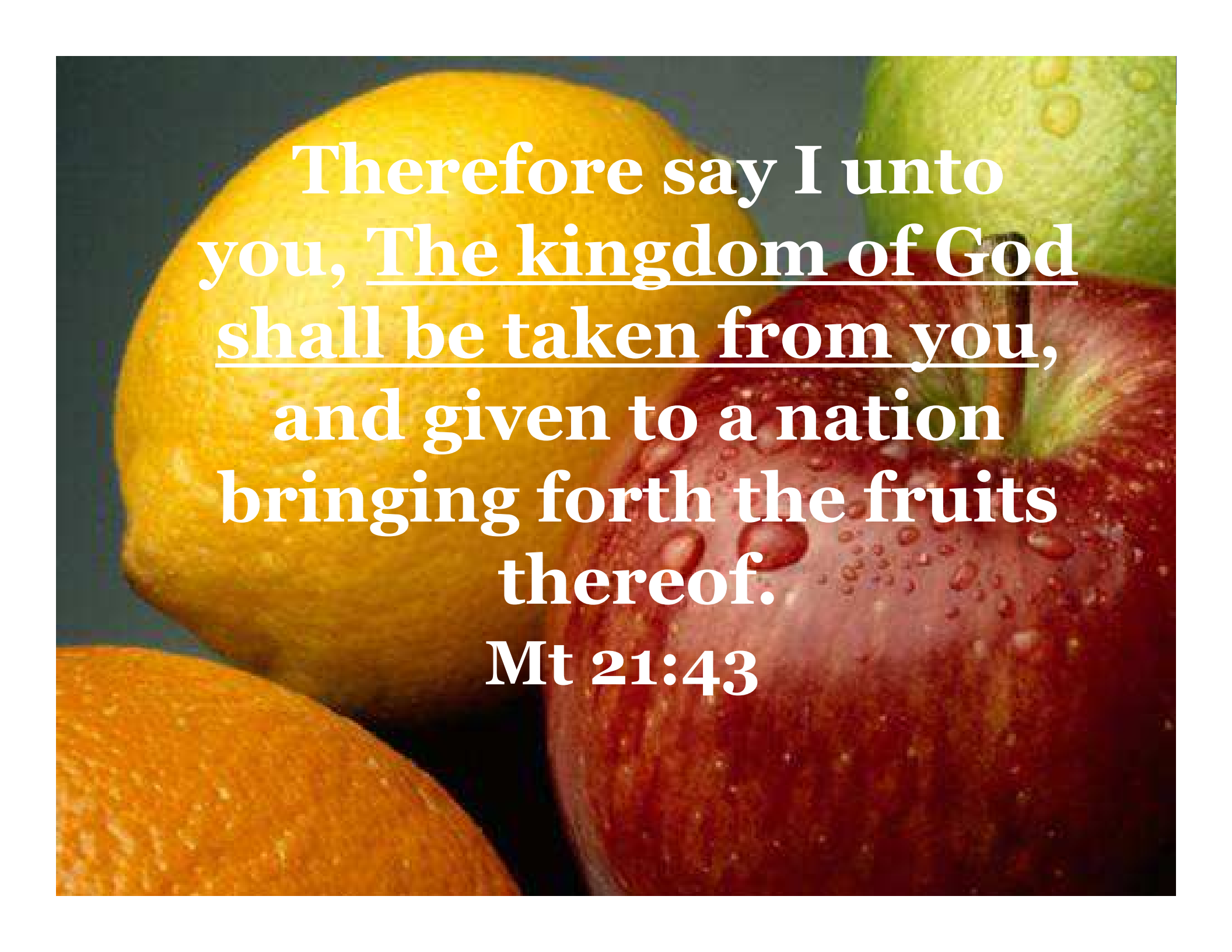




***The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.***  
***(Luke 16:16)***



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**Mt 21:43**

# The Book of Life



- *And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life. (Phil 4:3)*
- *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (Rev. 3:5)*

## “Go into” & “Is come unto you”

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## Zechariah 9:9

- Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
- “All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying” (Matt. 21:4)



# Luke 19:28-40

- 37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;
- 38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
- 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.
- 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.



# Three Charges

- And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”
  1. Subverting the nation
  2. Opposes payment of taxes
  3. Claims to be Messiah – a king

# Charge #:1 Subverting the Nation

- [Pilate said to them:] “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. When I examined him before you, I did not find this man guilty of anything you accused him of doing.” (Luke 23:14)
  - 1294 διαστρεφω diastrepho
    - to distort, turn aside
    - to oppose, plot against the saving purposes and plans of God
    - to turn aside from the right path, to pervert, corrupt
  - Mt 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse <1294> generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

## Charge #2: Opposes payment of taxes

- **17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?**
- **18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?**
- **19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.**
- **20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?**
- **21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.**
- **22 When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way. (Matt. 22)**



## Charge #3: Claims to be Messiah, a King- GUILTY!

- **Jesus was called “a king” by Apostles**
  - **When Nathanael met Jesus, he made the following statement: “Nathanael answered and saith unto him, ‘Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.’” (John 1:49)**

# Jesus Before Pilate



- **John 18:28-40**

- **v.33 – Are you the King of the Jews?**
- **v. 36 – My kingdom is not of this world**
- **v. 27 – You are a king then?**
- **v. 37 – I am a king**

**Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” (v.37)**

# The Conviction

- **John 19**

- **Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe 3 and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they struck him in the face.**
- **12 From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”**
- **14 It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.**
- **15 But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.**
- **“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.**
- **16 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.**

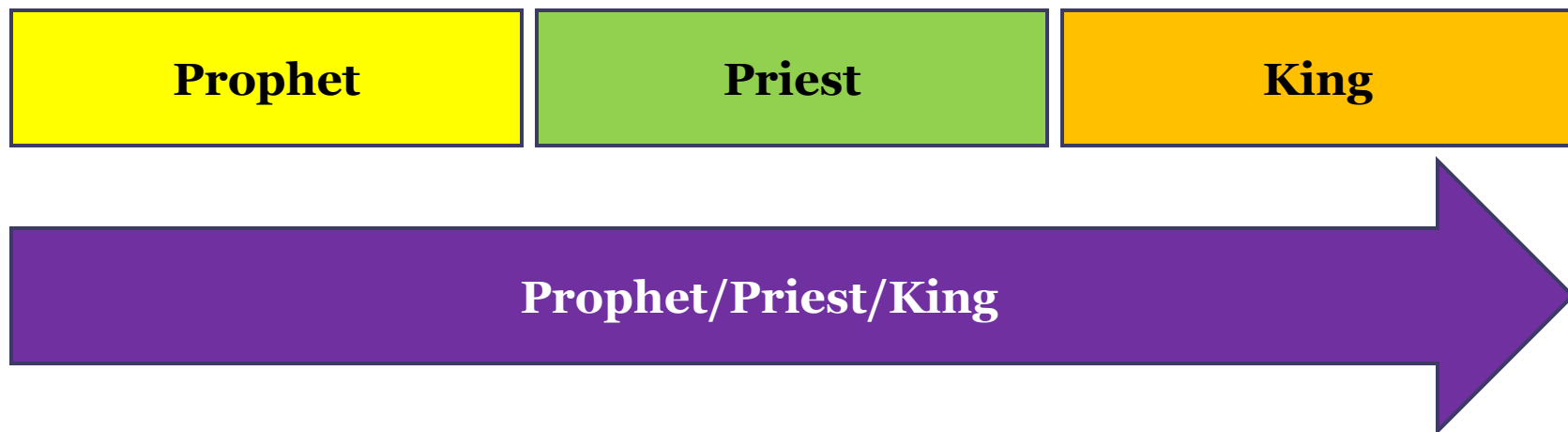
# An Inspired Verdict

- **19 Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews. 20 Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. 21 The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”**
- **22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”**



# Prophet then Priest then King?

- For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace. (Heb. 7:1-2)



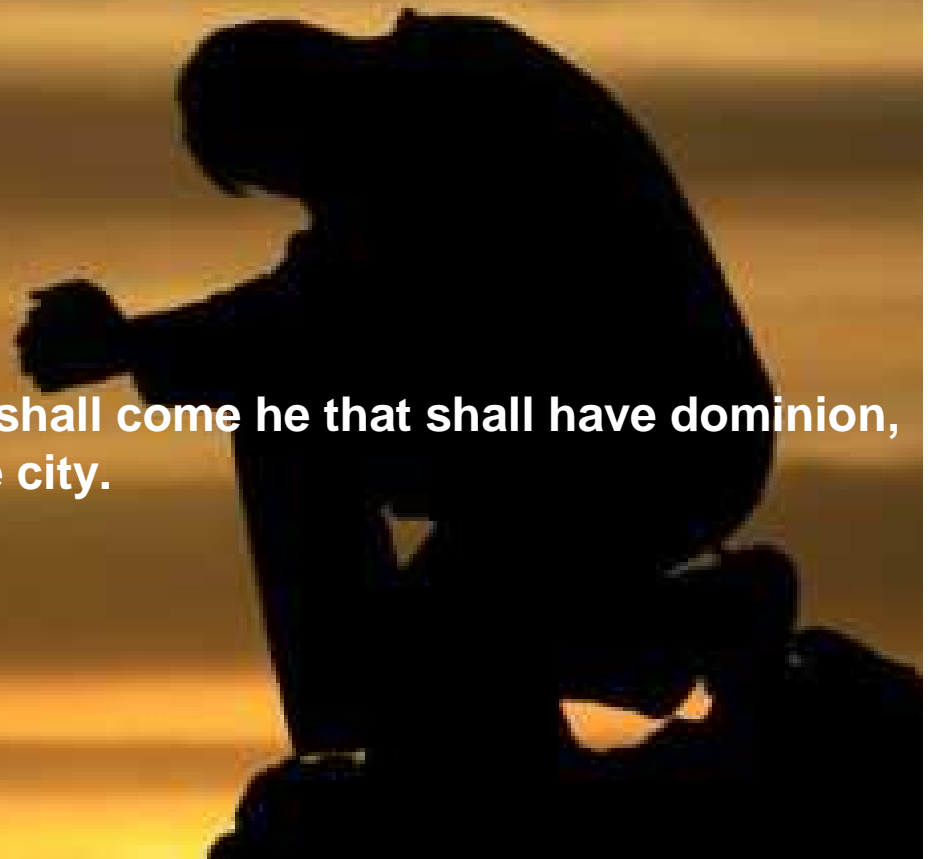
- **Matt 28:16-18**
- **Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

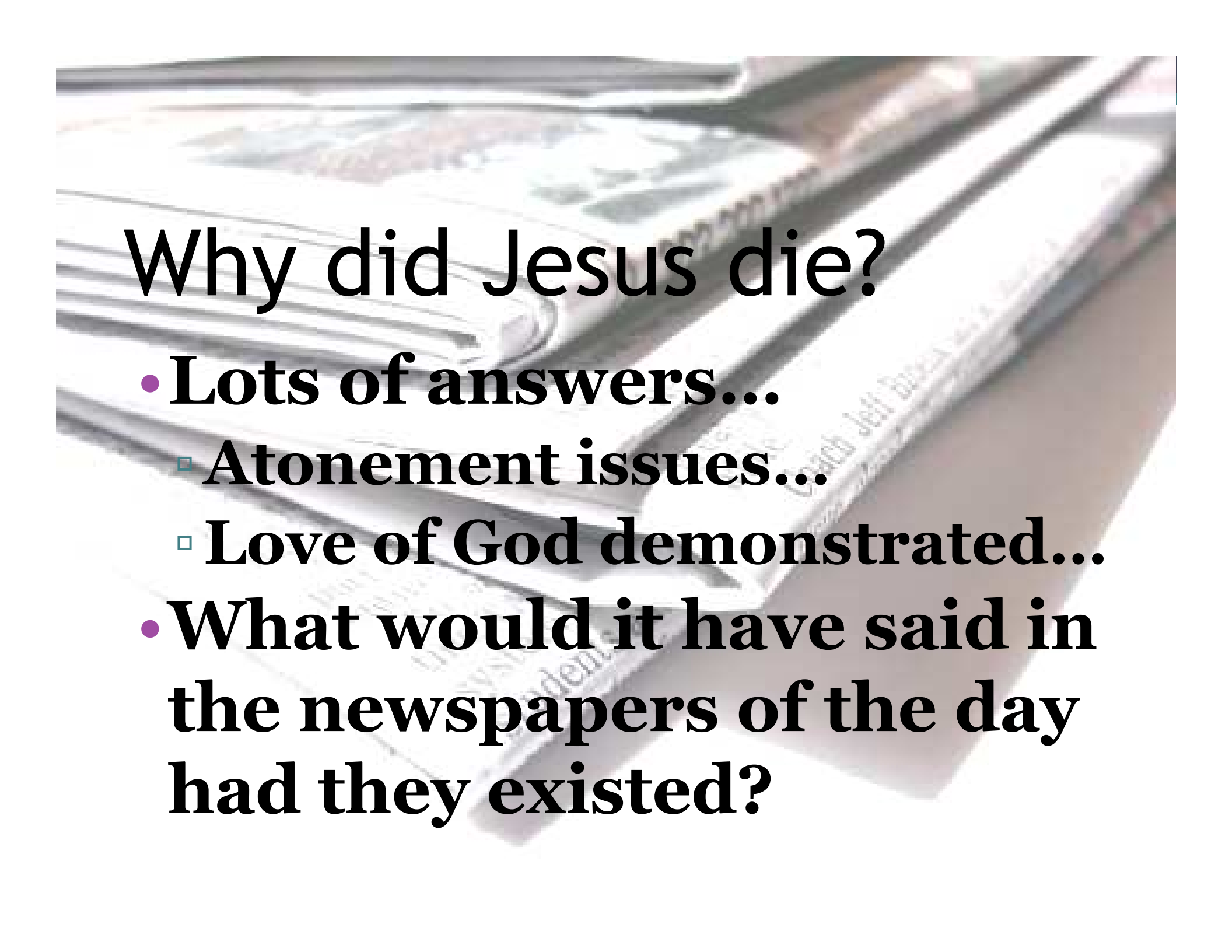


You made him a little lower than the heavenly  
beings and crowned him with glory and honor.  
You made him ruler over the works of your  
hands; you put everything under his feet.  
(Ps. 8:5,6 NIV)

**Gr. Mashal = to rule, have dominion, reign**

**•Foretold in Numbers 24:19 - Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion,  
and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.**



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# Why did Jesus die?

- **Lots of answers...**
  - **Atonement issues...**
  - **Love of God demonstrated...**
- **What would it have said in the newspapers of the day had they existed?**

Is the sign right or wrong?



# What did they preach?

- But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that **there is another king, one Jesus.** (Acts 17:5-7)