

SERMON OUTLINE

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

'Behold your King' - 5

Matthew 4 v12 - 25

Key verse in this gospel (21 v5) - "Behold your King....."

A brief summation of where we've come in this study so far.....

A. THE FAMILY OF THIS KING

1 v1 - 17

B. THE BIRTH OF THIS KING

1 v18 - 2 v23

C. THE PROMISE OF THIS KING

3 v1 - 12

D. THE BAPTISM OF THIS KING

3 v13 - 17

E. THE TEMPTATION OF THIS KING

4 v1 - 11

From here on, this King having been introduced to us.....

THE MINISTRY OF THIS KING

Key verse (key phrase) (v17a) - "From that time one....."

Key Question - What did Jesus do from this time on? We have the answer in this passage where we see.....

1. JESUS - PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

See - v17. It's important that we set this verse in its context by asking 2 questions concerning the time and the place....

A. THE TIME - WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

See - v12a. Chronologically - there is a time gap of 1 year between 4 v11 and 4 v12. For what happened during this time, see Jn 1 v19 - 4 v42. Then see - Jn 4 v43, which is when we join the narrative here. But why does Matthew say that Jesus began to preach when he "heard that John had been put in prison?" Remembering that Jesus

and John preached the same message (see - 3v1) it's to underline than preaching this message is a very dangerous thing to do in that, like John, it can get you killed!

B. THE PLACE - WHERE DID THIS HAPPEN?

See - v12b. This was to fulfil Scripture. See - v13 - 14. But why Galilee?

(i) The region was of strategic importance in that it was densely populated

(ii) The region was of symbolic importance in that it was racially mixed

See - v15 ("Galilee of the Gentiles") & Jn 7 v40 - 41 & v52. Key point - This gospel of the kingdom of God is for all the world!

And what a gospel! See - v16 & Jn 8 v12.

2. JESUS - COMMISSIONING THE EVANGELISTS OF THE KINGDOM

See - v18 - 22.

3. JESUS - EVIDENCING THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM

Note - Jesus ministry was not just in preaching, but in teaching. See - v23a. What's the difference between them - and why (as in the ministry of Jesus) are both needed?

"Teaching" - explains the passage and thereby informs the mind

"Preaching" - heralds the message and thereby touches the will.

At the heart of Jesus message (His preaching) was the cry for repentance. See - v17. But in order to truly repent you first of all need to know what you're turning from and who you're turning to - and that involves teaching.

'We need to be sure that people know what they are deciding about. So our preaching must have a teaching content, and the exposition of Scripture is the essence of that' - Eric Alexander

What was the evidence that this Jesus was truly King - the King preaching the message of the kingdom? See - v23 & 11 v2 - 5.