

# The Message

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## The Kingdom of God

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”

Matthew 4:17.



The Kingdom of God and the Church are  
Not the Same.

The church is the “called out community”  
of the Kingdom.



# **There was Great Expectation of the Kingdom in those Days**

- **John the Baptist**
- **Joseph of Arimathea**
- **Simeon was waiting (Luke 2:25)**
- **The Pharisees asked, “When . . . ?”**
- **They thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately (Luke 19:11).**



# **Where Did the People Get This Idea and Hope?**

**Then Solomon sat on the throne of  
the LORD as king instead of David his  
father (1 Chronicles 29:33).**



# His House (church) and His Kingdom are Not Identical

Gabriel told Mary “And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:33).  
(Throne, Kingdom, Son, House)



## His Reign Is Predicated on the Faith of His People

He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent” (Luke 4:43).

