

Session 18 Outline

Key Question: What was the message of Jesus?

Biblical Truth: Jesus taught about the kingdom of God and how we can be a part of it.

1. Jesus taught about the kingdom of God.
 - Jesus taught through His preaching. (Matt. 4:23; 9:35)
 - Jesus taught through His teachings and parables. (Matt. 13:18-50)
 - Jesus affirmed His words on the Kingdom through miracles. (Matt. 4:23-24; 9:35)

2. Jesus taught about our role in the kingdom of God. (Matt. 5–7)
 - The theme of the Sermon of the Mount is on living as Kingdom citizens.
 - Our role as Kingdom citizens goes beyond what the Old Testament law required, but not in a legalistic sense. Jesus' sermon captures the true intent of God's laws: the high demand in ethics, morality, and righteousness.
 - One conclusion that can be made from the Sermon on the Mount is that no one can live up to the demands for righteousness dictated in the sermon. That conclusion points us to our need for Jesus.

3. Jesus taught about His role in the kingdom of God.
 - Jesus taught about His coming death by which He would make it possible for us to be Kingdom citizens. (Matt. 16:21; John 12:27-33)
 - Jesus spoke of His role as the Ruler of God's kingdom. (Matt. 16:27-28; 19:28; Mark 14:62)