## THE REASON YOU ARE ON THE EARTH

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The reason you are on the earth . . . The meaning of life . . . is . . .

So wonderful . . . So glorious . . . So beautiful . . . So majestic . . . So indescribable. . . So powerful . . . So exciting . . . So awesome . . . So profound . . . And infinitely, eternally more . . .

The reason can never, ever be expressed in human words.

Even for all eternity, humans will never be able to express the reason in words . . .

Those who find the reason . . . The meaning of life . . . and apply it to their life . . .

Will find all that they long to find . . .

Will discover all that they long to discover . . .

Will experience all that they long to experience . . .

Will become all that they want to become . . .

Will experience the fulfillment of every want, need and desire they have . . .

Either on earth or in heaven, or both . . .

If they continue on . . . They will discover and find . . .

glorious . . .

eternal . . .

infinite . . .

unsearchable . . .

perfect . . .

supernatural . . .

priceless . . .

The divine treasure that is . . .

And infinitely, eternally more . . .

If they continue in this treasure, they can  $\dots$ 

Live as a divine being on earth . . .

Find and experience fullness of love, joy, peace, faith, hope, harmony, purpose, happiness, prosperity, health, and infinitely more . . .

Live as humans are intended to live, both on earth and for eternity . . .

Know and live their purpose on earth and for eternity . . .

Find newness in all things, with old things gone forever . . .

Discover and understand mysteries kept secret . . . since the foundation of the world . . .

Discover and find a treasure worth more than all the wealth of the earth . . . worth more than literally the entire world, the earth and everything in it . . .

In fact, all the wealth of the world is . . . nothing, meaningless and valueless compared to this reason . . .

If they continue in this treasure . . . the only question is . . . when they will experience all of this . . .

If they continue in this treasure . . . they will live forever . . .

In a place so wonderful and glorious, it cannot be expressed in human words.

They will never die.

They will live forever . . .

And ever.

In a place filled with glory, majesty, beauty, love, and infinitely, eternally more . . .

Incredibly, finding and receiving this treasure is easy and simple . . .

It is available to every person . . .

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All the time . . .

How do we find and experience this treasure?

You shall seek the treasure, and you shall find it, when you search for it with all your heart.

What is the reason you are on the earth? What is the meaning of life?

It was kept a secret for 4,000 years of human history, from ages past and from generations . . . and kept secret in eternity past . . .

But it is no longer a secret . . .

The reason you are on the earth . . . The meaning of life . . . is . . .

To know the one true God and Jesus Christ Whom He has sent.

Amen

This reason is why God created the human race . . .

The deepest reality of knowing Him is . . .

Fellowship with God through His Son Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit . . . Amen

Someone may ask, what is God like? What is Jesus Christ like? What is the Holy Spirit like?

He is the most wonderful, most beautiful person in the universe.

# Introduction

This book contains the reason humans are on the earth and the meaning of life.

If you apply the reason to your life – if you have not already – you will begin to live as God intends for every person to live.

It is the greatest and highest life possible for a human.

And it lasts forever.

In fact, it is the only life, because every other way leads to eternal death.

You can live a life that is divine, supernatural, and infinitely, eternally more.

There will be no limit to what you can do and accomplish both on earth and for eternity.

#### **ONE**

# Jesus Christ, the Lord God Almighty

# It May Sound Too Good to be True – But it is True

Someone may object, saying: "All this sounds like a fantasy . . . it sounds too good to be true. I don't see anyone living even close to this . . . there is so much suffering in the world . . . life is so hard . . . this 'meaning of life' cannot be true . . . "

# Very Few Go Deep with God

Few find the way that leads to life, Jesus Christ. Very few go deep with God. Very few actually find His presence and glory while they are on the earth.

Very few prove themselves worthy of His glorious presence and power.

Very few pay the price.

Most people who find Jesus Christ stay only in the first of the four overall phases of walking with Him. More on this in Chapter Two.

Most of the 2.3 billion Christians and Catholics are actually in dead religion, which has nothing to do with the new divine life in Jesus Christ – which is Jesus Christ in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

# We Should Never Look at What Man is Doing

# Man is Imperfect and Misses the Mark

We all know mankind is imperfect and flawed. Man always misses the mark of walking with God.

To be blunt, man messes things up – always!

We should never look at mankind as the example for a walk with God. All men have fallen short in a relationship with God.

Dead religion is an example of how man completely misses and messes up a true, glorious walk with Jesus.

Religion is awful! It is boring, dull, burdensome, complicated, limiting, inhibiting, unnatural and worse!

A walk with Jesus through the Holy Spirit is the opposite of religion! A walk with God is exciting, glorious, freeing, liberating, easy, simple, natural, normal and infinitely, eternally more! Amen!

# Jesus through the Holy Spirit

When someone goes directly to Jesus through the Holy Spirit and meets Him, they will find the reason we are on the earth. When they begin a relationship with Jesus in the spirit realm, they will realize His glory, beauty, mercy, love, and infinitely more. He is the only thing they will desire. They will realize the things in the world are nothing, and He is everything.

#### Who Should We Look at?

There is only one man we should look at: Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our Faith. Amen!

Yes, we should look to Him only. He is the only One who lived the way man is supposed to live. Amen.

Other than Jesus, there is no one righteous, no, not one. There is none who does good.

Yes, Jesus was a man when He came to the earth. And He was and is God. Amen.

Herein is another glorious revelation:

God came to earth as a man and justified Himself to the world. Amen.

# Jesus Christ: Fully Man and Fully God

The revelation of Jesus Christ being both man and God is one of the most, if not the most, important revelations to mankind.

Jesus is the Son of God.

And Jesus is God Almighty! Amen!

In His teachings and words in the gospels, Jesus reveals the holy, glorious, awesome revelation that He is both the Son of God and God.

Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father."

Jesus said, "I and the Father are one."
Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM."
He also said, "My Father is greater than I."
Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit are one.
Amen!

The revelation of God being a Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is also one of the most important revelations to mankind.

### Jesus: the Son and the Father

Many people to this truth and say, "That's impossible. Jesus cannot be both the Son of God and God. He cannot be both the Son and the Father. He has to be one or the other."

Let's think about that and those objecting.

Some of those who object are themselves a father and a son.

They are a father: they have children. And they are a son: they have a father. And herein reveals another glorious revelation: God created the wonderful "institutions" of fathers, sons and families.

God created man into His own image and likeness. Amen.

Even those who do not believe in God receive the wonderful things God created and gives them, such as fatherhood and so much more.

Jesus said that the Father is kind even to the unthankful and evil.

# **Dead Religion**

A tragedy is that most of the Catholic and Christian church is in dead religion which has NOTHING to do with a glorious, divine relationship with God.

Religion is just another example of man's imperfection. Man always misses the mark.

# Very Few ...

Very few people find God in the manner described above.

Jesus taught about this truth:

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and constricted is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

Jesus spoke about the few several times.

He said, "Many are called, few are chosen." What does that mean?

He calls many. But very few prove themselves worthy enough to be chosen.

He said, "The harvest is plentiful. The laborers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers to the harvest."

In reality, no one has ever fully walked with God. Someone alive today might.

You could be that someone.

#### TWO

# Three Phases of a Walk with Jesus

Jesus teaches that there are three main phases in a believer's relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

According to Jesus' words in the Book of John, a walk with Jesus begins with someone being born again.

We should remember His words: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

He teaches about the three phases in the Gospel of John, Chapters 3, 4, and 7. Below, the three portions of scripture are marked (1), (2) and (3).

First Phase

Born of Water and the Spirit, One Can Enter the Kingdom of God (1)

Second Phase Drink Living Water, It Becomes a Fountain Springing Up Into Everlasting Life (2)

Third Phase Come to Jesus, Drink the Living Water, Believe in Him, Rivers of Living Water Will Flow Out of Your Innermost Being (3)

First Phase

Born of Water and the Spirit, One Can Enter the Kingdom of God (1)

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:5-8

Ask Jesus, Receive Living Water

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew

the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." John 4:10

Drink the Living Water, Never Thirst

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst..." John 4:13-14

Second Phase Drink Living Water, It Becomes a Fountain Springing Up Into Everlasting Life (2)

"But the water that I shall give him will become

in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:13-14

Third Phase Come to Jesus, Drink the Living Water, Believe in Him, Rivers of Living Water Will Flow Out of Your Innermost Being (3)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." John 7:37-38

## Born Again

There is actually a beginning phase of walking with Jesus: being born again.

#### THREE

## **Mysteries & Common Sense**

When presented with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, many people present objections and questions toward God.

Often these objections keep them from receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

First, we should always fear God, honor Him and have reverence for Him. Amen.

He is the Almighty God. We should humble ourselves before Him.

He is the Creator of the universe, of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them! Glory to God!

He created mankind! He gave us our life to begin with! Everything good that we have and receive comes from Him.

Without Him, we have nothing, can do noth-

ing, and literally are spiritually dead.

Just as Jesus said, we should fear Him.

We should never cross-question the Almighty God.

It might be okay to humbly seek Him regarding answers to human dilemmas, such as the ones below.

But it is dangerous and foolish to cross-question Him.

Some ask:

"If God loves the world, why is there so much suffering?... Why is life so unfair and hard?... Why have all these bad things happened to me? ... I did not even choose to be here on earth. It's not fair I have to submit to God . . . Why is there a hell? . . . How could God let anyone spend eternity in hell? . . ." and on and on the questions continue.

#### We do not Have All the Answers

Yes, much has been revealed to us through the Bible.

But we humans know only in part. We do not have all the answers. We cannot explain everything.

There is so much we do not know and cannot answer or understand.

The mysteries and unknowns should cause us to humble ourselves before God and seek Him. Amen.

## God's Ways and Thoughts

It's common sense that God is way, way above us.

Let's look at what the Lord says in Isaiah:

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

## Mysteries and Secrets

There are mysteries and secrets. Every person has wondered about them and desires to understand them.

They should cause us to humble ourselves before the Almighty God.

Did you know . . . that Jesus revealed and reveals them.

In fact, Jesus Himself is the revelation of God. Amen.

It was prophesied before He came to earth that He would reveal them.

Jesus taught about mysteries. He told His disciples:

"Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven . . ." (Matthew 13:11).

## The prophecy:

I will open my mouth in a parables, wise sayings, instruction; I will utter dark sayings of old, mysteries, enigmas, obscure sayings . . . (Psalm 78:2).

#### **Common Sense**

Let's look at the earthly life from a common sense perspective.

If we are honest, we all would agree on the following:

- 1. We had nothing to do with being here on earth.
- 2. We had nothing to do with surviving child-hood. Other people took care of us. God took care of us.
- 3. As an adult, some other power provides the essential, vital things we need to survive, including: the sun, air, food, water, and much more.
  - 4. We will one day die.
  - 5. Something will happen to us after we die.

The conclusion is clear: there is a higher power.

Then, we look at the world around us and realize: the higher power is way beyond us.

That power is, of course, God. Amen.

Every person has thought about the higher power in the universe. Every person has wondered about eternity (see Romans 1:20 and Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Even atheists have considered it – and concluded there is no god.

Why are these matters so important?

The most important thing in all our lives is how we respond to God, the one true God.

If fact, in reality, the only thing that matters in our lives if how we respond to God. Why? Because eternity is what really matters.

## Helpless Without the Higher Power

Another conclusion is obvious: we humans are basically helpless.

Someone can deny it. Someone can say they are strong and do not need a higher power. But it is clear that we would not survive without Him.

It is clear that everything good we have comes directly from Him.

Without Him, we would not even survive for one second.

We would not even be here if it were not for Him.

In reality, it is the Almighty God who provides all those things the entire human race needs.

He created and sustains the entire universe

and every person – even those who do not believe Him; even those who hate Him.

## **Our Response**

The normal response to our helplessness is to humble ourselves before Him.

It is normal to realize that the power is God.

Herein is a glorious revelation about how a human can know God: realizing that He is everything, and that we are nothing without Him; having a broken and contrite spirit, broken and crushed with sorrow for sin, and trembling at His word.

Heaven is My throne,
And earth is My footstool.
Where is the house that you will build Me?
And where is the place of My rest?
For all those things My hand has made,
And all those things exist,"
Says the LORD.
"But on this one will I look:
On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit,
And who trembles at My word (Isaiah 66:1,2).

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise (Psalm 51:17).

What if Someone does not have a Bible?

Let's say we do not have a Bible.

Millions of people today do not have one.

Millions throughout history did not have one.

Did you know that in heaven, saints do not need a Bible. They are with and in God Almighty, the revelation and word of God.

Those without a Bible can find God just as easily as someone with one – maybe even more easily.

Sometimes, people get so consumed with the Bible, they miss actually knowing the one true God, who gave the Bible as a gift to us.

Another reason people miss it: a walk with God is simple. It is as simple and easy as the A-B-Cs, as 1-2-3.

He is God Almighty. We are nothing without Him.

We are the ones who make it complicated.

We are so fortunate to have the Bible. It is the holy word of God. But let's remember that knowing God is relationship with Him, the Almighty.

#### **FOUR**

# **Knowing the One True God**

Jesus revealed the overall formula for finding and knowing God.

He reveals priceless truth about how to have a relationship with God:

- 1. Repent
- 2. Love the Lord God with all you have.
- 3. Love your neighbor as yourself.
- 4. Fear God.
- 5. Give God everything you have.
- 6. Seek God with all your heart.

## The Simplicity of Knowing God

Finding God is simple. Knowing God is simple. A relationship with God is simple and easy.

A great man of God said: "The highest spiritual achievements are easy to achieve."

Often the simplicity is the reason some people miss out on the glorious relationship with Him.

In fact, we must become like a child to have a relationship with Him.

Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

## The Greatest Tragedy

God made us for Himself.

We are on the earth to know Him through Jesus Christ.

He wants every person to spend eternity with Him in heaven, His home, a place of glory.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy is that most people will not find God through Jesus Christ, and they will tragically spend eternity in hell, a place of fire, torment, and unimaginable suffering.

Hell was created for the devil and his angels, not for mankind.

The enemy, the devil, Satan, deceives people into not finding Jesus as Lord and Savior.

## **A Great Irony**

A relationship with God through Jesus is normal and natural. God made us for a relation

# ship with Him. We can rest and relax with and in Him.

Let's pause and think about it: God offers every person a relationship with Him – the Almighty God. This offer is the greatest and most incredible offer made to mankind.

Indeed, it is the only offer.

A great irony is that most Christians and Catholics "act" spiritual and have a fake piety in their effort to walk with God. They are inhibited and unnatural. They focus on the word, doctrine and human effort, rather than focusing on Him and the glorious splendor of His majesty.

A man who experienced heaven said that in heaven, there is a "total absence of the piety that we associate with Christianity. Everything was on a very natural and relaxed basis" (*Angels on Assignment*, Roland Buck).

When someone finds the Holy Spirit, they will realize the key and secret to a walk with Him: the glorious Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

#### FIVE

## God Offers Himself

We must repeat it. We get to repeat it.

God's offer of Himself to mankind is the greatest offer ever made to the human race. It is the only offer, because every other "offer" leads to eternal death.

Why is God's offer is so wonderful, so glorious and so incredible, that it can never be put into human words?

Because God is so wonderful, so beautiful, so glorious – and infinitely, eternally more – beyond what we can imagine or comprehend . . . that human words will never be able to express Him.

He can never be put into human words.

Those who make it to heaven will be awe of Him, forever. Amen!

To experience God as He really is, a person must have the relationship . . . They get to have a relationship with Him.

#### God is Love

God is love. Love is shared. God shared His life with His highest creation, mankind.

In eternity past, God created billions of angels. He created the glorious heavens. He created the earth and the pre-Adamic race inhabiting the earth.

He created man into His own image and likeness. He placed man as the king and ruler of the earth.

#### God is Good . . . God is Great

God is good. He wants to be every person's Father – and infinitely, eternally more. Amen! God is great. His greatness no one can fathom.

## A Relationship

A relationship with God is like no other.

We can try to "explain" it, but in truth a relationship with Him is a glorious, supernatural mystery. It is in the spirit realm that we truly experience Him.

At the same time, a relationship with Him is a reality.

We all know that a relationship is a progres-

sion. When we know a person, there are of course many potential levels of "knowing" them.

A relationship with God is similar. Someone can know "about" Him and never really meet Him.

Someone can meet Him and walk away.

Someone can get to know Him some and go no further.

A relationship with God is, in reality, up to us and what we do with it - a truth that is just one of the incredible wonders of knowing God: He is always available to us. And because He made into His image and likeness, He will never make anyone do anything or follow Him.

The mystery . . . the reality.

## The Mysteries . . . Jesus Taught about Them

And the disciples came and said to Jesus, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him" (Matthew 13:10-12).

## In this Divine Relationship...

In this divine relationship, God offers eternal,

infinite, supernatural, priceless blessings.

It all begins with knowing Him.

Again, these blessings cannot be put into words.

God created every person to fellowship with Him, forever. He is not willing that any perish but that all find eternal life through Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:9).

The deepest reality of knowing God is fellowship with Him through His Son Jesus Christ.

This fellowship is the most wonderful, glorious, unspeakable experience a person can experience.

This fellowship fulfills a person in every way. Every want, need and desire they have is completely, totally fulfilled.

This fellowship is what we as humans were created to do.

Those who find Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior on earth and make it to heaven will fellowship with God there, forever. Amen!

Jesus' spoke about this glorious fellowship in His parables. He said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44).

## **Eternal Life: Knowing Him**

Jesus Christ offers every person eternal life. He told us what eternal life is: "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent" (John 17:3).

What a glorious privilege to know the only true God!

#### What is His Plan for Your Life?

He wants to save you, give you a new life, heal you, set you free, give you eternal purpose, and fulfill you in every way.

He has a ministry for you.

He wants you to be His child. He wants to be your Father, forever.

He wants you to live with Him forever in heaven, His house, in glory.

## Where is this Fellowship in the Bible?

Someone may ask, "Where is this in the Bible?"

Jesus invited anyone to fellowship with Him. He said:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine [eat] [sup] with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20).

The kingdom and the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, is, in reality, simple.

We first are intended to fellowship with Him on earth.

Then, after we leave the earth, the glorious fellowship continues in heaven, forever. Amen.

Every person on the earth was born to do this. It is the reason you and every person are here on earth.

God created us for Himself.

Every person born is God's child and is written in the Book of Life, which contains the people who will spend eternity in heaven. However, when someone reaches the age of accountability, which is around the age of five to eight, they choose who or what they follow and serve.

He created us in His image. We have a complete free will. God will not make anyone do anything.

Fellowship with Him is the answer. Fellowship with God fulfills us in every way, in spirit, soul and body. Amen!

Someone may ask, what is this fellowship like? What is God like?

We need to hear it again:

The Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is so glorious, majestic, beautiful and wonderful, He cannot be put into human words.

How would you like to live forever- in a place so glorious, it cannot be put into human words?

How would you like to experience pleasures forever?

How would you like to live in a mansion there?

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

"In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11).

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

## Revelation from the Holy Spirit

When we meet the Holy Spirit, everything changes. Amen! He is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of the Father.

We begin the glorious Spirit-filled life.

The gospel is so profound and deep that those who make it to heaven will spend eternity in awe of the great and awesome God Almighty, the three in one God, Who sent His only Son to die for the world, to save mankind.

On earth, those who experience Him daily even for 100 years have just begun knowing Him.

At the same time, a walk with Jesus is simple. Jesus said we must become like a child to receive Him.

#### SIX

# The Kingdom in the Gospels

God's kingdom is so profound and deep, humans will never, ever be able to express it in words.

The deepest reality of His kingdom is His glorious presence, the presence of the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Quotes below are the words of Jesus Christ, unless noted otherwise.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Matthew 3:2

From that time Jesus began to preach and to

say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you." Matthew 12:28

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:23

"And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Matthew 19:24

"Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you." Matthew 21:31

"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it." Matthew 21:43

[Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry] Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God

#### ... Mark 12:34

. . . and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14

And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables . . . " Mark 1:15

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, Mark 4:11

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." Mark 4:26-2

Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air

may nest under its shade." Mark 4:30-32

And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." Mark 9:1

"And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire . . ." Mark 9:47

But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Mark 10:15

Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" Mark 10:23

And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:24-25

Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him. Mark 12:34

"Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Mark 14:25

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Mark 15:43

But 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

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God." Luke 6:20

For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." Luke 7:28

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him. Luke 8:1

And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand." Luke 8:10

He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:2

But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. Luke 9:11

But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God." Luke 9:27

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." Luke 9:60

But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

"And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive

you, go out into its streets and say, 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' 12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city." Luke 10:9-12

"But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you." Luke 11:20

"But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you." Luke 12:31

Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches." Luke 13:18-19

And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened." Luke 13:20-21

And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?"

And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will

seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last." Luke 13:22-30

Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Luke 14:15

"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. Luke 16:16

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they

say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21

But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God." Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:16-17

When Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Luke 18:25

So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, shall not fail to receive one hundred fold

Luke 18:29

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

Luke 19:11

"So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near." Luke 21:31

"... for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Luke 22:16

He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. Luke 23:51

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5