

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Matthew 5 : 1 - 48

Title : Jesus' Vision Of God's Kingdom

Introduction

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Expectations regarding the kingdom of God (e.g., Psalm 149)

Jesus' first actions (Matthew 4)

Jesus teaches about God's kingdom (Matthew 5)

- Unexpected blessings (vv. 1-12)
- A call to Israel genuinely to be Israel... (vv. 13-16)
- ... recognizing that Jesus has come to fulfil God's promises (vv. 17-20)
- Anger and non-retaliation (vv. 21-26)
- Adultery and falsehood (vv. 27-37)
- Love your enemies (vv. 43-48)
- Summing up: a most distinctive and controversial vision

What visions of God's kingdom are proclaimed today?

- Inclusion at any cost?
- Blessing, blessing, blessing?
- Christian nationalism?

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