

**Christianity 101: According to Jesus...
Kingdom Realignment**

The Teachings of Jesus

Foundation Required: *Reasons to Trust Jesus*

The Teachings of Jesus

#1: We Need Inner Transformation

- 1) "Spiritual birth" via the Holy Spirit- John 3:3-8
- 2) "Living water" to nurture us via the Holy Spirit- John 4:10-11; 7:37-39; Jeremiah 17:12-14
- 3) "Revelation from God" to learn and understand- Matthew 4:4 and 16:13-17
- 4) "Revelation from God" planted within us as a seed that will grow and produce fruit if we are good soil- Luke 8:4-15; Matthew 13:3-23; Mark 4:19-20
- 5) "Truth" taught by Jesus to grow spiritually- John 18:37; 8:31-32
- 6) The "Holy Spirit" living in us to help us learn and understand the teachings of Jesus- John 14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15)

#2: We Need to Understand and Promote hope in the Kingdom of God on Earth.

"The Kingdom of God summarized Jesus' Purpose in Life"

A healed creation, no more suffering or death" Revelation 21:1-5

#3: We Need Kingdom Realignment

1. The Kingdom of God was an incredible and exciting expectation when Jesus was alive.

Luke 6:17-19 *Judea, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon... healing power went out of him and He healed everyone.*

Matthew 13:36-43 *"they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil."*

Luke 19:11-26 *"he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away...."*

Preparation for Work to Do in Jesus' Absence

2. The death of Jesus destroyed expectations and altered our goals in promoting the Kingdom.

Matthew 10:5-8 *"Jesus sent out the 12... Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near, heal the sick, raise the dead... "*

Luke 24:13-21 *"we had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel."*

3. Jesus commissioned His followers to do Kingdom work until He returns.

Luke 19:11-26 *"he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away...."*

... he divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, "invest this for me while I am gone."

The "Marching Orders" of Jesus for God's Children

John 1:12 **Becoming True Children of God**

Matthew 5:9,45; 18:2-5; Mark 10:13-16

John 13:34-35 **Committing to the Family of God**

John 15:9-17; Matthew 12:46-50; John 17:17-24

Luke 24:44-48 **Sharing What Jesus Has Done and Taught**

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 20:21-23

Serving the Kingdom

- **Everything Jesus taught us to do reflects what the Kingdom will be like when it is a reality on earth.**
- **We can be easily discouraged Kingdom values when we are honest about ourselves.**
- **Starting Point:**
 - 1. Nurturing a Relationship with God, the Father and Son.**
 - 2. Trusting that "growth" will flow from His work in us.**