

# Sermon Notes

**Title:** The Good News About the Kingdom

**Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 24:4**

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# TIP (Take It Personal)

**April 6, 2014**

**Series:** *Walking With Jesus Through the Parables*

**Title:** *The Good News About the Kingdom*

**Text:** *Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 24:14*

You may be wondering why all the talk about the Kingdom of God when we are in a series titled “Walking Through the Parables with Jesus”. The reason; it is hard to separate what Jesus taught us through the parables and God’s Kingdom. Many of the parables speak specifically about the kingdom. Some are in the present and some have to do with the return of Christ to rule from a position here on earth. Many have to do with present day kingdom living.

This week I want us to lay one more building block concerning the kingdom before we begin to walk through specific parables that reveal to us how we are to live and thrive in this world. In the weeks ahead we will look very closely at the following themes as we walk with Jesus through the parables.

- Love—The Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:30-37)
- Excuses—The Great Banquet (Lk. 14:12-24)
- Obedience—The Two Sons (Mt. 21:28-32)
- Wealth & Wisdom—The Talents (Mt. 25:14-30)
- Humility—The Best Seats at the Wedding (Lk. 14:7-11)
- Heart of God—The Prodigal Son (Lk. 15:11-32)
- Forgiveness—The Unforgiving Servant (Mt. 18:21-35)
- Your favorite!—Just let Pastor Ed know

The following questions have to do with what is the “good news about the kingdom”. It may not be what it appears at first glance. Enjoy your study as you walk with Jesus.

Pastor Ed

**Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 24:14**

Note: the word gospel is also translated good news

1. Read the above text and note what is happening in the context surrounding these verses. What might this context contribute to our understanding of the concept of the gospel of the kingdom?

2. What does the term “gospel” mean to you?

3. In Matthew 24:14 Jesus says to the disciples “And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world...” If we translate “gospel” as “good news” what is this good news concerning the kingdom? Read Mark 1:14-15 for a possible answer.

4. In Matthew 13:11 Jesus says “...to you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom...”. Is there a relationship between “secrets” of the kingdom and the “gospel” of the kingdom? If so, how would you describe it?

5. What would you say to someone who asked “what is the gospel of the kingdom”?

6. The word gospel is the Greek word “euangelion”. As mentioned earlier it is also translated “good news”. In Luke 4:16-19 Jesus quotes Isaiah 62:1-2 and uses the term “good news”. According to Luke what is the outcome of this good news?

7. What would be some implications for believers today that come out of the good news about the kingdom? In other words what is the good news concerning the kingdom?