

Kingdom of God

announced & enacted

Jesus Response

The Plan

A few things Jesus will be...

Messiah/Deliverer

He will serve as the arm of God that defeats the enemies of God and his people.

He will serve to returning the exiles/remnant home to God's kingdom.

He will make the way for God to return to his throne

Prophet

He will announce the Kingdom of God - "good news!"

He will enact the Kingdom of God

Israel

This will include an announcement of welcome to be the true Israel of God

This will also include a final word of judgment for failing to follow his lead.

Jesus' Story: Israel's Story Retold

“And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins they were baptized by him in the Jordan river.”

Mark 1:4-5

God brings Moses/Israel out from exile in Egypt, through the waters of the Red Sea. Jesus enters into Israel's story, beginning with His passing through the waters of baptism.

Just as Moses/Israel were led out into the desert to be purified, so too, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tested. BUT Jesus, as true Israel/humanity, will succeed where Israel failed: He will look like the Father.

Messiah vs. “the Beast”

The three temptations address two questions:
Who are you?, and, How will you bring in the Kingdom of God?

a) Turn the Stones into Bread

Serve yourself first, and then get on with your mission

b) Jump from the Temple

Bring in the kingdom through self-exaltation

c) Bow Down and Worship

You can have power if you just look like me



The good news of the Kingdom.

- 1. God reigns.**
- 2. People (True Israel) welcomed home to worship YHWH in peace.**
- 3. Enemies of God defeated!**

Exorcisms: The Beginning of the End of God's Enemies

“21They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, 24“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 25“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 26The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” 28News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Mark 1:21-28



Exorcisms: The Beginning of the End of God's Enemies

“20Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. 21When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." 22And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." 23So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. 27In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house.

Mark 3:20-30



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