

Not Yet Sermon Study - Matthew 23:37-24:31

Problem:

false views of the kingdom create false expressions of Christianity and lead many astray.
read the following articles and discuss:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/kingdom-now.html>

here is an example of this theology in action:

<http://www.bennyhinn.org/articles/articledesc.cfm?id=3388>

this teaching is in many churches and it is really bad- all of it begins with a distorted view of the kingdom of God.

discuss the following article before going back through the study:

<http://www.letusreason.org/biblexp112.htm>

CPT:

The Kingdom Did Not Come (Matthew 23:37-39)

these were Jesus' last words to the nation.

-Read: Matthew 3:2; 4:17, 23; 9:35; 10:5-15; 11:20.

- what was the gospel, or good news, that Jesus was proclaiming?

- who was He proclaiming it to?

- based on our passage Matthew 23:37-39, did they accept the kingdom?

-Read: Matthew 26:29; Luke 19:11; and Revelation 11:15-18.

- was the kingdom given or was it postponed until the second coming?

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- how does this gospel differ from the gospel of the kingdom?

here is a helpful article if time permits:

<http://www.letusreason.org/Biblexp271.htm>

(Matthew 24) Rather than focus on the details of the following section take a moment to discuss the contextual emphasis on the fact that this discourse is here in the story.

The Olivet discourse is shocking- not for what it says is coming but for the fact that it wasn't coming yet.

to sum this up with the main idea:

The kingdom has not come. When it does you will know.

here is a balanced article on the subject for your own reference- there is a lot to digest so plan on studying this on your own. you will find this similar to what I preached:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/chapter-24-signs-end-age>

Implication:

regardless of the details the impact is clear: when the kingdom comes you will know it

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Application:

see to it no one leads you astray

Read 2 Timothy 3 to see how it looks when someone tries to lead you astray regarding this stuff and Paul's advice for correction.

Read Matthew 28:19 to be reminded of our task

Read Titus 2 to see what this looks like in action

discuss how to apply this sermon

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