

HAS THE KINGDOM COME?

Intro:

Much confusion about the kingdom in the world today. Many say the kingdom of Christ has not yet come. Other say that perhaps it came in 1914 or some other modern date. What do the scriptures say?

- I. John the Baptist came to prepare the Kingdom.
 - A. Preached it was at hand. Mt 3:1
 - B. Told Jews to repent. Lk 3:7
 - C. Baptized for remission of sins. Mk 1:4

- II. Jesus came and preached after John.
 - A. Jesus begins after John is in prison. Mk 1:14
 - B. Said the Kingdom was very near. Mk 1:14

- III. Jews misunderstood the Kingdom concept.
 - A. Looked for an earthly kingdom to rid them of Roman rule.
 - B. Jesus' kingdom was not an earthly one. Jn 18:36
 - C. Many today have the same misunderstanding the Jews did.

- IV. Jesus sends disciples to prepare the Kingdom's coming.
 - A. 12 sent out. Mt 10:5
 - B. 70 sent out. Lk 10:1-9
 - C. Preached the Kingdom was near at hand.

- V. Kingdom did not come in John's lifetime.
 - A. John killed by Herod. Mt 14:1-12
 - B. Jesus talks about kingdom coming after John died. Mt 16
 - C. Jesus promises to build his Church/Kingdom. Mt 16:18
 - D. John less than least in Kingdom for he never was in Kingdom. Mt 11:11

- VI. Kingdom would come in disciple's lifetime.
 - A. Some first century folks would see it come. Mk 9:1
 - B. Would come sometime between 1 A.D. and 100 A.D.
 - C. Would come with Power.

- VII. Kingdom did not come in Jesus earthly lifetime.
 - A. After Jesus' death Joseph still looked for it. Mk 15:43
 - B. Jesus had to die and enter his glory first.
 1. Kingdom and Glory used interchangeably. Mt 20:21 and Mk 10:37
 2. When Jesus entered Glory then Kingdom would come.
 - C. When Jesus was glorified Holy Spirit would be given. Jn 7:39
 1. Holy Spirit would come with power. Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4-5

Conclusion:

The Kingdom would come after John the Baptist died, during the apostle's lifetime, after Jesus was resurrected, when Jesus entered his glory, when the Holy Spirit was given and when Power was given. All this happened in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost in the year c. 33 A.D. This is when the church was established and when the kingdom came.