



“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

— Mark 1:14-15



BETWEEN 6:00—9:00 AM: OUR NEW AND ALL-IMPORTANT SUBJECT LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS

Over the next 11 weeks in Joel Moment, we’ll explore the Gospel (Lord willing). You might be thinking: “I already know the Gospel up, down, backwards and forwards.” And maybe you do, but we’re going to look at what the Bible says about it as we continue our fasting, praying and seeking God. Why is it a vital subject for study? Isn’t there something more relevant? To answer this, let me ask you to study the cartoon above. It shows a man who is wearing a crown and addressing a dog. What’s happening? What’s *not* happening? Now please read Romans 1:5 and 16:26, the bookends of Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Romans 1:5 *through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,*

Romans 16:26 *but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith*

What do the two verses found at the beginning and at the end of Romans have in common? What’s the connection between the cartoon and the two Scriptures? Ponder a while. I’ll give you my theory at the Joel Moment Prayer Gathering today at 3:00 PM. Now praise the Lord for a new day and a new opportunity to understand him and his purposes for us, his created ones.

BETWEEN 9:00-12:00 PM: A SAMPLER PLATE OF BIBLICAL TEXTS THAT SPEAK ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Read each passage with a pen, pencil or highlighter in hand. Find common ideas and phrases in the three passages below.

Luke 4:18-19 *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Rom. 1:1-4 *Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*

2 Tim. 2:8 *Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,*

Let praises stream from your heart as you *"address [your] verses to the king"* — Ps. 45:1.

BETWEEN 12:00-3:00 PM: A PRIMARY THEME OF THE FOUR GOSPELS IS THE KINGSHIP OF JESUS

What is the four-part sequence in these two verses? HINT: Greatness comes first, followed by what?

Luke 1:32-33 *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

Think about how political the Gospel is, in these times rife with political chaos. Luke makes it clear that Jesus and full royal authority over a kingdom go hand in hand. This combination makes me sigh with relief, because political conditions across the globe are getting crazier. Pay homage to the Son by reading Psalm 2. Notice its brashness and its raw vitality. How is this Psalm exceedingly geo-political in nature?

BETWEEN 3:00—4:00 PM: Join the Joel Moment Prayer Gathering. Go to Zoom.com and enter Meeting ID 315 346 841 and Password "lament".

BETWEEN 5:00—10:00 PM: JESUS BECOMES KING IN STAGES, AND WE'LL EXPLORE THOSE EVENTS OVER THE NEXT TEN WEEKS AS WE CONTINUE TO HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIS EXCELLENCY

As you get ready for sleep, immerse yourself in Scripture that predicts a key Gospel event more than 1,000 years before it happened in history. This special event is one that we'll be talking about at various times in the next ten weeks. Can you figure out what event described in Ps. 110:1-2 is fulfilled in the New Testament?

Psalms 110:1-2 *A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." ² The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!*

The number one job of a king is to save his people. How has he saved you? Think about his deliverances.



MI-YUNG STENFORT [She'll share about how Valley Church is sponsoring the building of a home for a family through YUGO Ministries. Construction begins on Oct. 18 and finishes on Oct. 22. You might even get to watch. She'll tell you how.]

DARREN SEITZ [He'll give a short introduction to our new Joel Moment theme called "The Big Ten."]

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

CAROLINE AND ANNA SEITZ [These sisters will share the worship song "Build Your Kingdom Here."]

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth



GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #1 (7 min.):

"the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned" — Mat. 4:16.

Most people live without bright light from the happy news about King Jesus. Lament this to God in prayer. Pray that he'll open their eyes. Pray that he'll use us as his royal ambassadors.

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #2 (7 min.):

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison" — Col. 4:3.

We heard during the Prayer Gathering from Mi-Yung about how Valley Church is sponsoring the construction of a home for a family in Ensenada, Mexico via YUGO Ministries (starting Oct. 18 and finishing Oct. 22). Pray that the De La Rosa/Lopez family will not just receive the house, but will receive the Lord. Intercede also for all the Valley Church ministries, ministers and missionaries that comes to mind, asking God to make them courageous and fruitful.

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #3 (7 min.):

"Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether" — Ps. 139:4.

God knows what's on your mind. Don't carry worries; convey them to the One who can act with perfect wisdom. Pray for our country, the election, our president, governor, mayor and Dr. Sara Cody.

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #4 (7 min.):

"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him" — Ps. 41:1.

Darren talked about Bayshore Christian Ministries last Sunday and an upcoming virtual banquet (see below). Please pray that many of will be moved to discover what God is doing through this ministry. Frank Chen already told me that he signed up to learn with me! Please join us.



Please plan on attending "[Hope and a Future](#)," a virtual fundraising banquet that Darren is attending on Sunday, October 25. This ministry is one that Valley Church is looking to partner with. To join Darren at the virtual banquet please visit www.bayshore.org and click on "Join Us for Our Virtual Event."