



MATTHEW

kingdom identity

Matthew: Handbook for Discipleship

Matthew: Handbook for Discipleship

....or what do I need to understand in order to be
a surrendered follower of the glorious Christ?

Matthew: Handbook for Discipleship



Matthew: Handbook for Discipleship



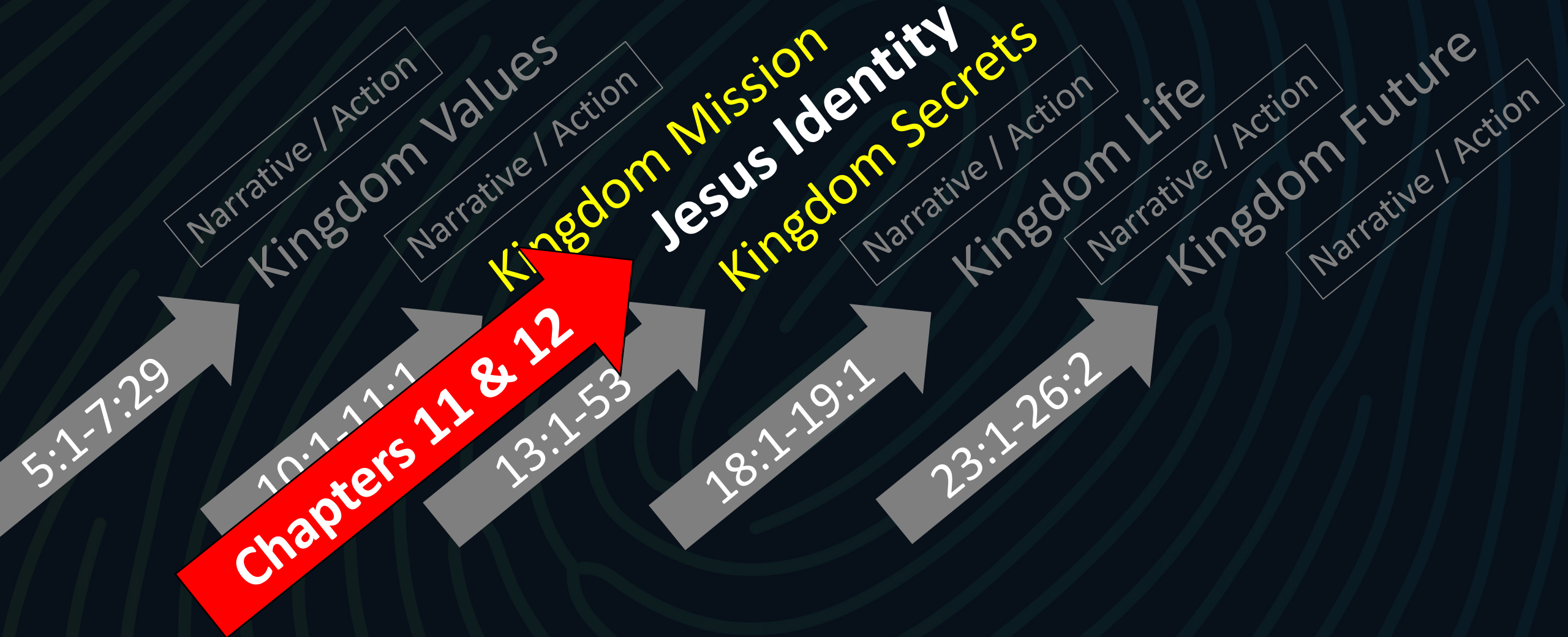
Matthew: Handbook for Discipleship



Matthew: Handbook for Discipleship



Matthew: Handbook for Discipleship





Matthew 11 & 12



Matthew 11 & 12

Jesus reveals His identity



Matthew 11 & 12

*Matthew purposefully exposes
Jesus' identity*



...identity...



...*identity*...

...may be one of the most pivotal issues not only of our day but in every generation since time began...



...*identity*...

...may be one of the most pivotal issues not only of our day but in every generation since time began...

...answers the question: **Who is He?**



...*identity*...

...may be one of the most pivotal issues not only of our day but in every generation since time began...

...answers the question: **Who am I?**



...*identity*...

...may be one of the most pivotal issues not only of our day but in every generation since time began...

...answers the question: **Who are you?**

Kingdom Identity

Why is Jesus' identity important?

- When we understand *Jesus' identity* more clearly, we can begin to comprehend what He means to our daily lives.

- When we understand *Jesus' identity* more clearly, we can begin to comprehend what He means to our daily lives.
- We can find *our identity* in the foundation of who Christ is and what He has designed us to be and do.

- When we understand *Jesus' identity* more clearly, we can begin to comprehend what He means to our daily lives.
- We can find *our identity* in the foundation of who Christ is and what He has designed us to be and do.
- God's design for our lives brings *ultimate freedom* rather than restriction.

Identity determines what you value and what you do.
Identity determines how you relate to God, yourself and other people.



Where do you ground your identity?

- 1** When Jesus had finished instructing His twelve disciples,
He went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.
- 2** Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ,
he sent word by his disciples
- 3** and said to Him,
"Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"
- 4** And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:
- 5** the blind receive their sight and the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear,
and the dead are raised up,
and the poor have good news preached to them.
- 6** And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Isaiah's "Coming One" was described like this:

- "The blind receive sight"29:18;35:5
- "the lame walk"35:6
- "Those who have leprosy are cured"53:4
- "the deaf hear"29:18-19;35:5
- "the dead are raised"26:18-19
- "the good news is preached to the poor"61:1

1 W

2 No

3

4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

5

the blind receive their sight and the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear,
and the dead are raised up,
and the poor have good news preached to them.

6

And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Isaiah's "Coming One" was described like this:

- "The blind receive sight"29:18;35:5
- "the lame walk"35:6
- "Those who have leprosy are cured"53:4
- "the deaf hear"29:18-19;35:5
- "the dead are raised"26:18-19
- "the good news is preached to the poor"61:1

1 W

2 No

3

4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

5

the blind receive their sight and the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear,
and the dead are raised up,
and the poor have good news preached to them.

6

And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness to see?

A reed shaken by the wind?

8 What then did you go out to see?

A man dressed in soft clothing?

Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 What then did you go out to see?

A prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you."

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist.

Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John:
"What did you go out into the wilderness to see?"

Malachi 2:17-3:1

8 **17** You have wearied the LORD with your words.

But you say, "How have we wearied Him?"

"By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the
LORD, and He delights in them."

Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"

1 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me."

10 This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you."

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no
one greater than John the Baptist.

Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,

14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation?

It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him!

A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,
14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation?
It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him!

A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,

14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation?

It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him!

A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Kingdom Identity

So...therefore...what now?

Through God's redemptive plan of using the 'advance man' to call us to repentance, we are prepared to meet Jesus in His grace and His joy:

Through God's redemptive plan of using the 'advance man' to call us to repentance, we are prepared to meet Jesus in His grace and His joy:

Repent.....change direction.....aim your life in a trajectory toward God.

Through God's redemptive plan of using the 'advance man' to call us to repentance, we are prepared to meet Jesus in His grace and His joy:

Repent....change direction....aim your life in a trajectory toward God.

Enter the grace and joy of Christ that is found only in His presence.

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem
I had My birth.

I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow Me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John
They came with Me
And the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame;
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung Me on high,
And they left Me there
On a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back.
They buried My body
And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance,
And I still go on.

They cut Me down, and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He