

# MATTHEW

THE KINGDOM BEGINS



**Over the next several years we will intermittently  
be surveying the 11 sections of the  
*Gospel of Matthew*  
in order to help us understand what it means to  
be a maturing follower of Christ...to be His disciple.**



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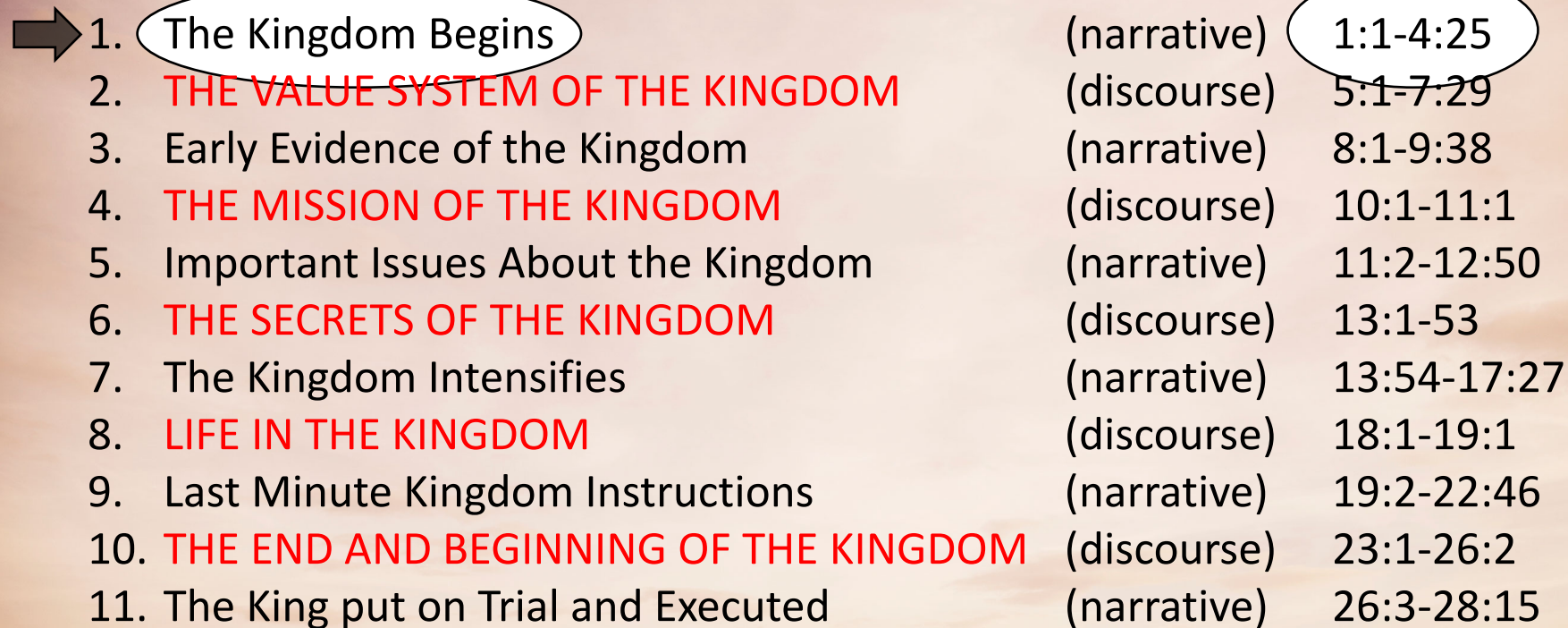


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- 16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
- 17 And when they saw Him they worshipped Him, but some doubted.
- 18 And Jesus came and said to them,  
“**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- 19 **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all nations,  
**baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 20 **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded** you.  
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



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## **Colossians 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed  
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**redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sins.

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## Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart**. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are **naked** and **exposed** to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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20 **John 15:5**

21 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me **you can do nothing**.

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# *The BIG Idea*

God wants to move in us  
to expand the kingdom of God deeper into our hearts  
and through us  
to expand His kingdom out into the hearts of others.



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## **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.



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**Romans 7:18-19**

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For **I do not do the good** I want, but the **evil** I do not want is what **I keep on doing**.

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**Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



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- 3. Let Him Have His Way With You**



# *So....therefore....what now?*

## **Jeremiah 29:11-14**

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for **welfare** and not for evil, to give you a **future** and a **hope**. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be **found** by you, declares the Lord, and I will **restore** your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will **bring you back** to the place from which I sent you into exile.

