

Bi 203 – Acts Fall, 2015

**Preparation for
Witness
Part 1**

September 17, 2015

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Kingdom of God, Definition

- From the time when God's sovereign rule over the universe was challenged by Satan, God has been working to reassert His sovereignty in the sphere of its challenge.
- God's kingdom involves a king who rules, a people who are ruled, and a sphere where this rule is recognized as taking place.
- The kingdom of God involves: (a) God's people (b) in God's place (c) under God's rule.

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Several Biblical passages – working up to the concept of the Kingdom of God

- **The Kingdom Promised: Gen 12:1-3**
 - A Land, A Nation, A Blessing
- **The Kingdom Foreshadowed 2Sam 7:12-16**
 - David's House, David's Throne, David's Kingdom

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The Kingdom ...

- **Presented: Matt 4:17**
Gabriel reports that Jesus is destined to receive the throne of David and to reign over the house of Jacob forever.
- **Rejected: Matt 12:22-37**
The significant turning point in Christ's ministry was His rejection by the Jewish religious establishment by accusing Him of casting out demons by the power of Satan

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The Kingdom ...

- **Culmination Delayed: Luke 19:11-27**
 Since the kingdom was based on unconditional covenant promises, it could not be canceled even by unbelief. So certain aspects of the kingdom were delayed (rule from throne over Israel's land) for a more responsive generation.

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Kingdom ...

- **Realized Rev 20:4-6**
 Rev 11:15 indicates that the kingdom promises will be realized following the Tribulation period. At the second advent, the Jews will accept Jesus as their Messiah (Zech 12:10-13:1). After judging the nations (Matt 25:31-46) Jesus will set up His kingdom government and rule the world for 1000 years. At the end of the 1000 year reign 1 Cor 15:24-28 states that Christ will deliver up the reins of His theocratic government to God the Father at which point the millennial kingdom will become an eternal kingdom.

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The Kingdom in the Present Age

- Typical A-millennial theologians equate the church with the kingdom and deny the existence of a future for Israel.
- Many Pre-millennialists on the other hand, deny any relationship between the church and the kingdom holding that the kingdom is entirely future.
- The scriptures seem to present evidence for both positions — Rather than emphasizing one body of evidence to the neglect of another, believers must come to appreciate the truth of both views.

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But,

- **The Kingdom is Future:**
 “Lord, is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” Acts 1:6
His Answer, NO
 See also, Matt 25:34, 26:29; Lk 19:11, 22:30;
 1 Cor 15:50; 2 Tim 4:18; Rev 20:1-6
- **The Kingdom is Present:**
 “The Kingdom of God is within [or among] you.” Luke 17:20-21
 See Also, Matt 5:20, 13:11; Luke 18:16; Jn 3:3, 3:5; Col 1:13, 4:11;

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The Kingdom of God

The Shadows The Substance

Church Tribulation Millennium Eternity

Rejection Acceptance

The Seed →

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The Fathers Promise

- **Through Ezekiel, Ezek 36:26-27 (11:19)**

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (ESV)

²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

- **Through Jesus, John 14:16-17 (15:26)**

John 14:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

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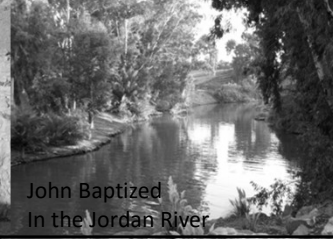
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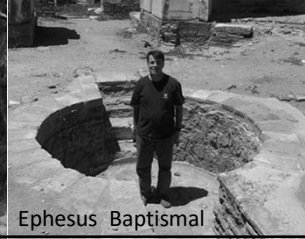
Baptism

- Ceremonial washing (MIKVEH) was common in the OT, (Lev 15)
- John (the Baptist) preached for repentance, and obedience in Baptism.
- John contrasted his water baptism of repentance with Jesus baptism by the Spirit

Ceremonial Mikveh @ Qumran



John Baptized
In the Jordan River



Ephesus Baptismal

Baptism

- Baptized by the Holy Spirit, looks forward to the Pentecost.
- John (The Baptist) had made the connection of Baptism with the Holy Spirit, in Mark 1:8
Mark 1:8 (ESV) ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- Repentance, forgiveness, water baptism, and reception of the Holy Spirit comprise the basic pattern of conversion.


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
Jesus responds to the Disciples

- It is not for them to know !
- The Father knows, He has fixed the time, and the date. We do not need to know the time or the date.

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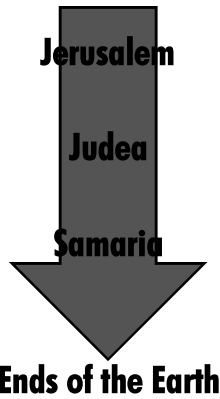
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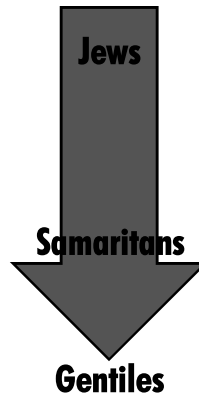
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Christ's Strategy for Evangelism

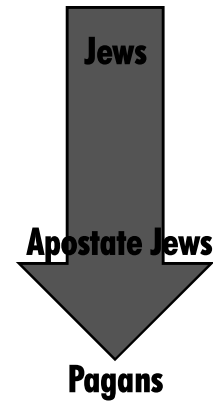
Geographical



Ethnic



Religious



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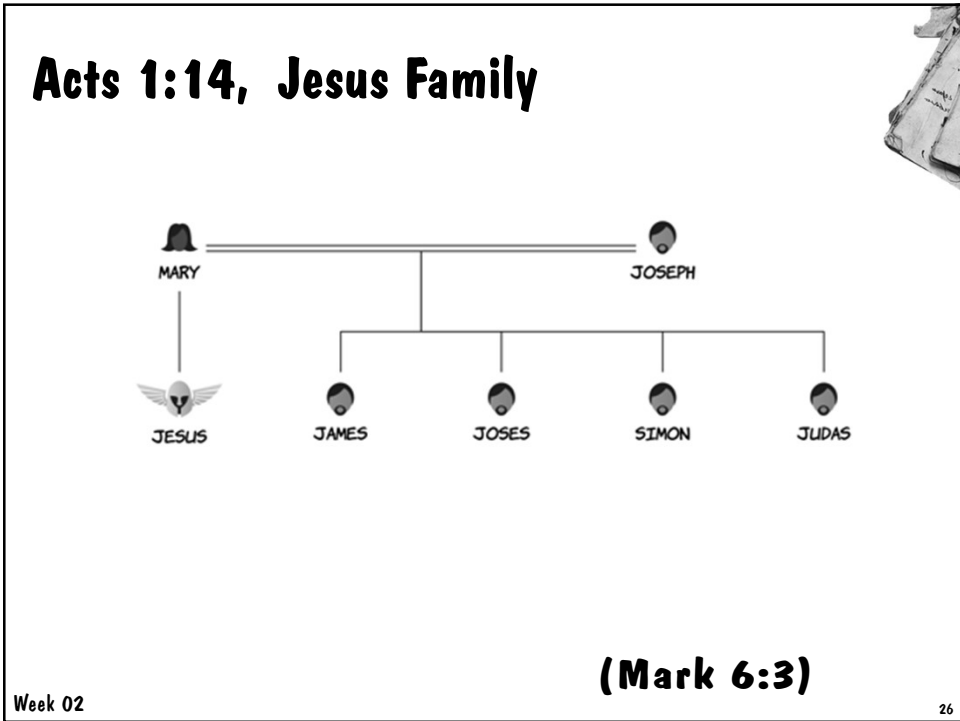
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Lists of the Apostles in the New Testament

Matt. 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:13-16	Acts 1:13
➔ Peter	Peter	Peter	Peter
➔ Andrew	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
➔ James	James	James	James
➔ John	John	John	John
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew (Nathanael)
Thomas	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas
Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew (Levi)
➔ James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus
➔ Thaddaeus	Thaddaeus	Judas, son of James	Judas, son of James (Jude)
Simon, the Cananaean	Simon, the Cananaean	Simon the Zealot	Simon the Zealot
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	(Replaced by Matthaïas)

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- I.C.7 The Requirements (21-22)
One who was with us and with Jesus
from his Baptism to his ascension**
- I.C.8 Two disciples proposed (23)
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The Casting of Lots

- **Proverbs 16:33 (ESV)**

**³³ The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the LORD.**

- **Lot casting was a means of determining God's will prior to the indwelling ministry of the Spirit.**

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Was Matthias God's Choice, Or should they have waited for Paul?

- Paul would not have met the qualifications stipulated by the church,

- Paul's apostleship was of a different order:

1 Corinthians 15:8–9 (ESV) ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

- Matthias was recognized by the church, He was God's choice, not merely the church's. There is nothing in the text to suggest any disapproval of God in the selection of Matthias as a replacement for Judas.