

Messiah and Our World (Pt. 3)

Series: Living as Messiah People

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“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and **recovery of sight for the blind**, to set the oppressed free,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19

Nicodemus was a deeply religious, principled man but lacked the basic ingredient to even **SEE** the Kingdom: Spiritual Blindness

“Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God** unless they are born again.” John 3:3

Our world is suffering greatly from Spiritual Blindness, the cause: Sin, Rebellion/Ignoring God, choosing knowledge over God

This is the point of Jesus’ parable:

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is **not rich toward God.**” Luke 12:16-21

Messiah came to Recover Sight for the Blind! The Gospel is the awakening agent!

- **The Gospel shows our _____.**

“**There is no one righteous, not even one;**¹¹ there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” Romans 3:10-12

- **The Gospel shows our _____.**

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.” Romans 1:21-23

“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Romans 7:24-25

- **The Gospel shows what _____ were meant to be.**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, **as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.**” 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

- **The Gospel shows God’s _____.**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,** but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17

- **The Gospel shows the _____ to come.**

“Just as people are destined to die once, **and after that to face judgment,**²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:27-28

“So then, **we must each give an account of ourselves to God.**” Romans 14:12

Conclusion: How clearly do you SEE the Kingdom of God?

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