

## **HE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

Acts 1:3 says, "During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God."

He taught them for 3.5 years, and then for the final 40 days after His resurrection, Jesus continues to teach them about the Kingdom of God. His message never changed. So, if He taught them about the Kingdom, what did He say?

This list below is taken from all the verses in the Gospels and Acts of what Jesus spoke/taught after His resurrection. Each point has been categorised into 4 main areas to help the reader gain a greater understanding of the Kingdom of God.

Note the teaching on the Kingdom is more about reflecting Heaven on earth. It is about lifestyle, authority and influence rather than a place.

### 1. Resurrection

- Rejoice - I am alive (Matt 28:9)
- He broke bread (Luke 24:30)
- By showing Himself to them, He proved it was Him so that they were convinced – this was important because they later preached Jesus risen from the dead (Luke 24:38-39)
- Confirmation that they were witnesses of what had happened (Luke 24:48)

### 2. Confirmation of the Lordship of Jesus

- He explained about Himself from Scripture (Luke 24:27)
- Fulfilment of prophecy through Him (Luke 24:44-45)
- Importance of the crucifixion (Luke 24:46)
- The completion of the Sacrifice (John 20:17)
- Be in faith and believe (Doubting Thomas) (John 20:27-29)
- Be convinced that Jesus is alive (John 21:10-14) The disciples witnessed Jesus alive - 3 times (3 indicates completeness).

### 3. Commission

- Go in authority, preach, make disciples (Matt 28:10,18-20)
- You need to know that I will be with you always (Matt 28:20)
- Go and preach (Mark 16:15)
- Operate in the signs and wonders that people may see God in action (Mark 16:15-18)
- The importance of preaching repentance and remission of sin in His name (Luke 24:47)
- Jesus sending the disciples (John 20:21)
- The disciples being authorised to forgive sin [in Jesus name] (John 20:22 with Luke 24:47)
- Be led by God and the rewards will be beyond human capacity – John 21:5-6)
- The commissioning of Peter (John 21:15-19)
- Don't compare yourself, or your calling to that of another (John 21:20-24)
- Don't try to work out the seasons and times (including the end times) – they are God's responsibility. Stay locked on the mission (Acts 1:7)

### 4. Sending of the Holy Spirit

- Sending of the Holy Spirit, but wait until you receive Him (Luke 24:49)
- The Disciples receiving the Holy Spirit through salvation (John 20:22)
- Wait for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5)
- You will take on power when the Holy Spirit Superimposes Himself over you. What you do, He does, what you say, He says, where you go, He goes. So, as you go into Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth. As a carrier of the power, you will be His witnesses, testifying of what you have experienced personally. (Acts 1:8)