

Topic:

For Christians, What Kind of King is Jesus?

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KINGDOM OF GOD – Where, on 'The Big Frieze' can you see the Kingdom of God frame?

Key Knowledge

- ❖ Some Christians believe that Jesus came to Earth to get people into heaven and make the world more like heaven.
- ❖ Some Christians believe that God rules in the Kingdom of God, also known as the Kingdom of heaven.
- ❖ Jesus' great commandments include 'love God and love your neighbour'.
- ❖ 'The Great Banquet' and 'The Tenants in the vineyard' are two parables that teach us that God welcomes all humanity into his kingdom but people do not always want it.
- ❖ Some Christians try to make the world more like the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ Some Christians believe that Jesus' idea of kingship is that people in his kingdom must serve others, particularly those who are most vulnerable and in need.



The Parable of the Great Banquet

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'


²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'


²² "Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'


²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"


Key Vocabulary


Kingdom of God  – A spiritual realm over which God reigns as King.

Commandment  – An order or law, a divine law.


Parable  – A very short story told to teach a moral or religious lesson.


Temptation  – To try and get someone to do something wrong or unwise by offering something very desirable.


Vulnerable  – Someone who is weak and without protection.


Serve  – To give aid or help.

Humanity  – The human race.

Heaven  – A place regarded in various religions as the abode of God (or the gods) and the angels, and of the good after death, often traditionally depicted as being above the sky.

Earth  – The planet on which we live; the world.

Devil  – The supreme spirit of evil.

Jesus  – is the name of the man who Christians believe was the son of God.

Important Parable:

'Temptation in the wilderness' tells us about the devil offering Jesus a chance to be king of all nations on Earth. Jesus refuses.

'The Tenants in the vineyard'