

A majestic mountain peak, likely Mount Everest, is the central focus of the image. The mountain is rugged and partially covered in snow, set against a dramatic sky with a warm, orange and red glow from a low sun. The overall mood is powerful and awe-inspiring. The text 'EMPOWERED' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font, centered horizontally across the middle of the image. Below it, a thin white horizontal line is positioned. Underneath the line, the text 'THE KINGDOM HAS COME' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, also centered.

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THE KINGDOM HAS COME



WHAT IS THE **GOSPEL**?

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THE WORD **GOSPEL** IN **GREEK**

Greek noun *euangelion* means “good news”. (76x)

Greek verb *euangelizo* means “to announce ...”. (54x)

Greek noun *euangelos* means “messenger of victory”.

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GOSPEL DEFINED BY PAUL

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of (make clear) the gospel (good news) I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly (fasten) to the word I preached to you.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:

(1) that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (2) that he was buried, (3) that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (4) and that he appeared ...”

I Corinthians 15: 1-6a NIV

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**WHAT IS THE GOSPEL OF
THE KINGDOM OF GOD?**

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*In those days **John the Baptist** came preaching
in the wilderness of Judea and saying,
“**Repent**, for the **kingdom** of heaven has **come near**.”*

Matthew: 3: 1-2 NIV

*After John was put in prison,
Jesus went into Galilee,
proclaiming the **good news** of God.
“The **time** has **come**,” he said.
“The **kingdom** of God has **come near**.
Repent and **believe** the good news!”*

Matthew: 3: 1-2 NIV

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THE WORD **KINGDOM** IN **GREEK**

Greek noun *basilea* means “**kingly rule** or **reign**”.

*“On the other hand, **if** I drive out demons
by the **power** of the **Spirit** of God
then the **kingdom** of God has **come upon** you!”*

Matthew 12: 28 TPT

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*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the good news of the **kingdom**,
and **healing** every (kind of) disease and sickness ...*

Matthew 4: 23 NIV

*“**Our Father** in heaven, hallowed (honored, holy) be your name,
your **kingdom come**, your will be done, **on earth** as it is in heaven.”*

Matthew 6: 9b-10 NIV

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages,
teaching in their synagogues, **proclaiming** the good news
of the **kingdom** of God and **healing** every disease and sickness.*

Matthew 9: 35 NIV

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When *Jesus* had called the Twelve together, he *gave* them *power* and *authority* to drive out all the *demons* and to cure *diseases*, and he sent them out to *proclaim* the *kingdom* of God and to *heal* the sick..

Luke 9: 1-2 NIV

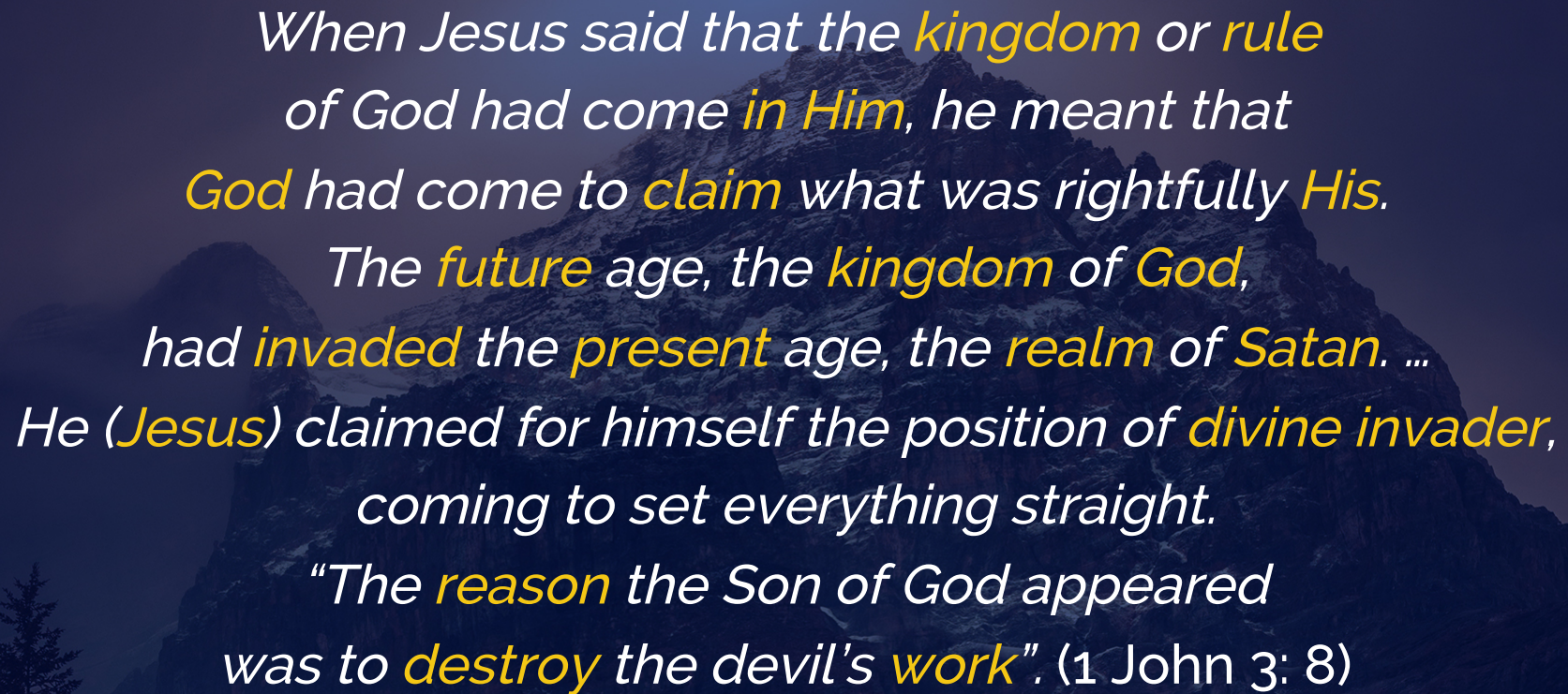
From the moment John stepped onto the scene until now, the *realm* of heaven's *kingdom* is bursting forth (*forcefully advancing*), and passionate people (*the violent ones*) have *taken hold* of its *power*.

Matthew 11: 12 TPT

And the *gospel* of the *kingdom* will be preached in the *whole world* as a testimony to *all nations*, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24: 14 NIV

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*When Jesus said that the **kingdom** or **rule** of God had come **in Him**, he meant that **God** had come to **claim** what was rightfully **His**. The **future** age, the **kingdom** of **God**, had **invaded** the **present** age, the **realm** of **Satan**. ... He (**Jesus**) claimed for himself the position of **divine invader**, coming to set everything straight. "The **reason** the Son of God appeared was to **destroy** the devil's **work**". (1 John 3: 8)*

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HOW DO WE **SEE & ENTER**
THE **KINGDOM** OF GOD?

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There was a man named **Nicodemus**,
a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee.

After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus.

“Rabbi (**Master**), he said, we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous **signs** are **evidence** that God is with you.”

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, **unless** you are **born again**, you cannot **see** the **Kingdom** of God.” “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “**How** can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be **born again**?” Jesus replied, “I assure you,

no one can **enter** the **Kingdom** of God without being born of **water** and the **Spirit**. ... ‘You must be **born again**.’

John: 3: 1-5 & 7b NLT

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**HOW SHOULD WE LIVE
IN THE KINGDOM?**

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Since then, we know what it is to fear (stand in awe) the Lord,
we (make it *our passion*) try to *persuade* others (*to turn to him*). ...

For *Christ's love* compels (*fuels*) us, because we are convinced
that one *died* for *all*, and therefore *all died*. And he died for all,
that *those* who *live* should *no longer* live for *themselves*
but *for him* who died for them and was raised again. ...

Therefore, if anyone is *in Christ*, the *new creation* has come:

The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God,
who *reconciled* us to *himself* through Christ
and gave us the *ministry of reconciliation*:

2 Corinthians 5: 1, 14-15, 17-18 NIV

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DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD!

Don't *set* the affections of your *heart* on this *world*
or in *loving* the *things* of the world.

The *love* of the *Father* and the *love* of the *world* are *incompatible*.
For all (everything) that the world can offer us –
the *gratification* of our *flesh* (lust of the flesh),
the *allurement* of the *things* of the world (lust of the eyes),
and the *obsession* with *status* and importance (pride of life) –
none of these things *come* from the *Father* but from the *world*.

John 2: 15-16 TPT

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“AWAKENING” COMING!

*My people have **fallen asleep**;
they have become **distracted** by the **cares** of this **world**.
It is the **hour** and the time for My **Spirit**
to **wake** them up from their **sleep**,
to **stir** them out of their **apathy**,
and to set their **hearts on fire** for Me again,
their **First Love**.*

Kathy Murray

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