

A photograph of a theater stage. The stage is covered in deep red, vertically pleated curtains. Above the curtains, there is a decorative gold-colored valance with a scalloped edge. The background shows the ornate, gold-trimmed ceiling and side walls of the theater.

The Life of Jesus

The Year of Popularity

Winter 27 through Spring 29
15 months

Jesus announces the arrival of the Kingdom (see Mk 1:14-20)

- Great news!
- Fulfilled prophecy
- The waiting is over
- There is a radical surprise

Pericope Early Ministry in Galilee	Matthew 4:12-22	Mark 1:14-20	Luke 4:14-15	John

The Great Galilean Ministry: highpoints

- Selection of the twelve
- Sermon on the Mt.
- Power over Satan
- Parables Start
- A storm stilled
- A crowd filled
- Testimony of Peter
- Transfiguration

Jesus begins to call people into the kingdom community.

- Mk 1:16-20 (Peter, Andrew, James, John), 2:13-17(Matthew)
- Mt 4:18-22 (P,A, J and J), 9:9-13 (Matthew)
- Lk 5:1-11 (P,A, J and J), 27-31 (Matthew)

Jesus proclaimed the kingdom through His mighty words.

- Mk 1:21 Teaching in synagogue
- Mt 5-7 Sermon on the Mount
- Lk 6:17-49 Sermon the “Level Place”

The sermon is a “manifesto of the Kingdom of God”

- It describes what a citizen of the kingdom of God is becoming, not what he or she SHOULD do.
- It is NOT a prescription for what to do, rather, it is a description of what the Holy Spirit will bring about in us, as we walk in the will of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- It contains the kind of things the Holy Spirit will be talking to us about.

Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7

- 5:1-12 As they walk according to the will of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, citizens of the kingdom will be transformed into:
 - -- A blessed people. People with a quiet confidence that they are on the right track, but who will face opposition.
 - --As kingdom citizens we are earth aliens. We walk with God, not because it “works” but because it is best.

Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7

- 5:13-16 As they walk according to will of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, citizens of the kingdom will be transformed into:
 - Salt – Salt doesn't make itself salty, nor can it apply itself. Preserves, Seasons, it Heals.
 - Preserves – God uses us to join him in helping people not descend into sin
 - Seasons– God uses us to join him in making the invisible visible, and to change the perspectives of those we encounter
 - Heals– God uses us to join him in helping others solve their problems, and from time to time bring supernatural grace to them.
 - Light – Light doesn't light itself, nor does it set itself up to illuminate

Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7

- 5:17-20 As they walk according to will of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, citizens of the kingdom will be transformed into: **People who reflect the activity of the Spirit of God in every area of their lives.**
 - **Purpose of the Law:** It was not given to make us holy, but to show us we were not. The law showed that there was no area of our life that was not spiritually bankrupt, nor was there any area of life that God was not eager to bless.
 - **A Kingdom citizen senses God's presence and interest in every aspect and area of his or her life.**
- 5:21-26 As they walk according to will of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, citizens of the kingdom will be transformed into: **People who value problem solving and not using their power over others to avoid the vulnerability and pain of relationships.**
- 5:27-32 As they walk according to will of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, citizens of the kingdom will be transformed into: **People who understand and celebrate their sexuality as a means of joining God in creating and sustaining life, not as a means of furthering our own satisfaction**