

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module X – The Kingdom of God**  
**Lesson 17 – Jesus’ Teaching on the Kingdom (Part 3)**

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I. Matthew 16:13-19

- A. The statement in vs. 16 is the foundation of Jesus’ general assembly, and comes from Psalm 2:
  - 1. That Jesus is “the Christ” refers to His human descent through Mary, as the ‘seed of David,’ the one to ultimately will be the permanent King of Israel as “Son of Man.”
  - 2. The clause “Son of the Living God” refers to His original Deity, as “the only-begotten Son of the Father.”
- B. That Jesus was BOTH of these was revealed supernaturally to Peter (vs. 17)
- C. The ROCK upon which Jesus’ assembly is to be built – not the pope.
  - 1. Jesus changed Peter’s name from Simon to “Peter,” ‘petros’ (a masculine noun), meaning a small stone.
  - 2. The Rock on which Jesus will build His assembly is ‘petra’ (a feminine noun), meaning a huge cliff or unmovable edifice) [The city of Petra in Jordan was named this because it was carved out of the side of a huge cliff].
  - 3. The “Gates of Hades” does not refer to the mythological underground cavern of ghosts, or abode of the devil, such as Dante’s Inferno.
    - a. “Hades” means “the unseen,” the equivalent of “Sheol” in Hebrew, referring to the collective “grave” of all humanity. This is how it is used in both the OT and NT exclusively. It should be translated “the grave” (as viewed abstractly rather than a particular individual grave). It is like referring to “death” as a thing in itself.
      - 1. Examples of the “gates of the grave/death”: Job 17:13-16; Job 38:17; Isa. 38:10-11; Psalm 9:13
    - b. The “gates of death” not prevailing against Jesus’ assembly is the promise of immortality through the resurrection of the just (1 Cor. 15:50-54).
  - 4. The “good confession” is the same as Peter’s statement concerning who Christ is (1 Tim. 6:12), the very basis of Christianity. The “good confession” was made as the baptismal confession (Rom. 6).
  - 5. The “Keys of the Kingdom” refer to binding and loosing – the authority given to the Apostles of Jesus. That authority died with the original Apostles.

II. Mark 11:1-10

- A. Jesus rides the colt into Jerusalem cf. (Zech. 9:9; Gen. 49:11)
- B. The palm branches were part of the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:40)
- C. Hosanna means “save now” – they were expecting Jesus to become king now.
- D. References to the “Kingdom of David” as an acknowledgement that Jesus is the King.
- E. Jesus’ actions were meant to show that HE was the King, not that the Kingdom had arrived.

III. Luke 22:7-30 – The inauguration of the New Covenant

- A. Jesus will not partake of the Passover again until He does so with the disciples in the Kingdom.
  - 1. This demolishes the idea that the Kingdom is NOW, because He is not yet partaking of the Passover with us.
- B. The New Covenant inaugurated with BLOOD (Jesus’ own).
  - 1. Jer. 31:31-34 The prophecy of the New Covenant to be made with ALL Israel.
    - a. God’s laws placed in the heart, all will know God, forgiveness of sins

- b. The Mosaic Covenant was not sufficient to bring permanent remission of sins
  - 1. The Law had many conditions attached to the promises, curses and blessings (Deut. 28-29).
  - 2. The New Covenant retroactively atones for the sins of those under the Law (Heb. 9:15).
  - 3. Potentially, "LIFE" (immortality) could come through perfect obedience (Lev. 18:5). Referenced by Paul in Gal. 3 & Rom 5.
  - 4. Jesus ALONE kept the Law perfectly (John 14:19), we LIVE only because we are joined to Christ.

- c. The New Covenant Prophecy requires Israel collectively entering (the 144,000 from 12 tribes).

- 2. Christians are allowed to enter the New Covenant before Israel as a nation.

C. Verses 28-30 Corrected translation: *"I am covenanting the Kingdom with you just as My Father covenanted with Me."*

- 1. This is drawn from Psalm 2 (God's covenanting the Kingdom with His Son)
- 2. Jesus' covenanting this Kingdom with US – (Rev. 2:26-27)
- 3. Matt. 19:28 When the Son of Man sits as King (as per Psalm 2), then His disciples will rule with Him.

- a. The "regeneration" literally means "begin again," (back to the genesis)

IV. Jesus statements about the KINGDOM are what got Him crucified

A. Mark 14:60-64 – Jesus as the "Son of Man" in Daniel 7.