

# The Message of the Kingdom

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 13:44

B. It is essential to know what the message of the kingdom is.

II. The value of finding the kingdom is finding Christ.

III. The treasure of the kingdom is not outwardly visible to men.

IV. The kingdom is to be pursued with diligence.

V. The kingdom is personally appropriated. (Job 28)

VI. The kingdom is the source of joy.

VII. When you come into the kingdom, you exchange all that you have for all that Christ is. (Matthew 19:16)

A. Jesus does not accept people on their terms.

B. One must accept that he is a sinner.

C. One must believe that Jesus is in charge and follow Him.

D. Salvation is only possible for God.

E. We must count the cost of salvation. (Luke 14)

## **Application questions:**

1. How can the kingdom “cost” and not be something that earns salvation? Explain.

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2. What relationship does Christ have with the kingdom that we are called to pursue?

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3. How would you explain the message of the kingdom to someone who has never heard it?

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