

“The King & The Kingdom”

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Introduction: Have you ever heard the story about the discovery of New Guinea? Michael Leahy and Michael Dwyer, two Australians prospecting for gold, had to help the natives work through some “tiny islanditis.” Do you suffer from that? To the world Jesus was an invader, a foreigner, an alien, an outsider. He spoke in language we are not used to and lived by principles never known to us and which we find difficult to embrace. Jesus spoke of a “kingdom.” In ***The Story*** we discover Jesus declaring, *“The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.”* Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. The Life of the King

- A. God is building His kingdom
- B. God is reigning over His kingdom
- C. God sent His heir to establish a spiritual kingdom

II. The Message of the King

- A. Jesus taught about the stability of the kingdom
- B. Jesus taught about the accessibility of the kingdom
- C. Jesus taught about the personality of the kingdom

III. The Work of the King

- A. Nature submits to the King
- B. Demons fear the King
- C. Christians are children of the King

Conclusion: Do you have a king? We all do, in some form or another (*read my article about the kingdom of Molossia and Kevin Baugh on the other side of this handout*). Not all would go to extremes to establish their own kingdom. However, at least we know where Kevin Baugh stands! Who is your king? People will try to get us to forsake our king (**John 6:56, 66-69**). To whom will we go? Jesus is the only king to turn to and to stay with....He is the One True King!




Breaking Free from the Kingdom of Me

Only 14.3 acres in total land mass, it is a small kingdom unto itself. Located in three separate areas in the United States—part in Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Northern California—you can leave the United States and enter the Republic of Molossia. It is considered to be a micro-nation . . . a “nation within” our nation.

Molossia has its own flag, its own signs, and its own boundary markers. It even has its own tourist attractions. Kevin Baugh is the president, or Sovereign, over his own little kingdom. His space program consists of model rockets. The basic unit of currency in Molossia is the valora. The valora is linked in value to Pillsbury Cookie Dough. Three valora has equal value to one tube of cookie dough.

There is a railroad—model sized. The national sport is broom ball. And although his nation is landlocked, he claims a navy that is merely an inflatable boat. You can visit anytime you like. But—although it sounds fun—don’t think you can move there. He says there is not enough room. Kevin affectionately calls his nation “The Kingdom of Me.”

Don’t laugh too quickly. We may not have gone to the same extremes as Kevin Baugh, but we mostly live our lives as if we are rulers of our own kingdoms. What a surprise it is when we discover that we are living in a kingdom but it is not ours.

That’s the message of Jesus. He came saying, “*The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news*” (**Mark 1:15**). Literally he says the kingdom is “at hand.” It is that close. All around us. Within reach.

His kingdom is not as a nation with armies and weapons but as a farmer who comes with seed and the seed falls on soil (**Mark 4:3-9**). Finding his kingdom is like finding a treasure in a field (**Matthew 13:44**). And his kingdom is worry-free (**Matthew 6:25-34**). Best of all, this kingdom has a king who is in control (**Mark 4:35-39**).

Jesus said “*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. . .*” (**Matthew 28:18**). Kings say things like that. Unlike Molossia, if you want to enter and live in this kingdom, there is room for everyone. That’s not the problem. There is plenty of room in this kingdom for everyone.

But you need to know that there is only room enough on the throne of this kingdom for one King.

(read more at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Molossia)