

About AD 30 – Matt 3:1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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Matt 4:23

And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

What was Jesus saying when he proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom?

Remember “gospel” means  
**“good news”**.

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When would the kingdom come?

The kingdom existed by 62 AD -- Col 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

About 32-33 AD – Mark 9:1 And  
He was saying to them, "Truly I  
say to you, there are some of  
those who are standing here who  
shall not taste death until they see  
the kingdom of God after it has  
come with power." (also in Mt  
16.28)

When were people to obey the new covenant?

Heb 9:16 For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. 17 For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

Jesus' new covenant was only in force after He died on the cross and offered His blood to God.

Consider the length of Jesus  
ministry.

Luke 3:23 And when He began  
His ministry, Jesus Himself was  
about thirty years of age,

Jesus has chosen his disciples and  
performed his first miracle.

John 2:13 And the Passover of the  
Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up  
to Jerusalem.

(The start of the Lord's ministry,  
year 0)

John 5:1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
(Year 1)

John 6:4 Now the Passover , the feast of the Jews, was at hand. (Year 2)

John 11:55 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover , to purify themselves. (Year 3)



The Sermon on the Mount takes place a little over 3 years before the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Do you remember what I preached on 3 ½ years ago?

If Jesus is teaching His new Law,  
the listeners are not to obey it for  
3 ½ years. They must continue to  
obey the Law of Moses for Jesus  
will not die on the cross for 3 ½  
years!

The Sermon on the Mount is a rousing sermon. Jesus tells the listeners that they have been taught error on no less than 18 principles.

Jesus mentions anger, lust, adultery, divorce procedures, oaths, vengeance, loving their enemies, hypocrisy, priorities, hypocritical judgments, benevolence, God's narrow path, false prophets and doing the will of the Father.

As he reaches the end of his lesson in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, (Matt 7:12)  
"Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

As we think about the Scriptures, when is the first time that a different action from that commanded in the Law of Moses is given to the Jews?

Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This is something so new that the Scriptures tell us the Jews changed their lives completely.

Acts 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Matt 7:28 The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching; 29 for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

What had they learned that made  
the difference in their action after  
the Sermon on the Mount  
\_\_\_\_\_ and after  
Peter's preaching on Pentecost?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fill in the  
blanks



Jesus was sent “*only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” (Matt 15:24) He and those he taught in his ministry were under the law of Moses

Gal 4:4 *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, (5) to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

When he taught *the house of Israel* in Mt 4.17 “*repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” – what would repentance involve? Would those taught not have to change their “present” behavior and honor the Law of Moses

After the Sermon on the Mount, the multitudes are amazed that Jesus manner of teaching is so different from that of the Scribes.

But on the day of Pentecost, they are moved to action – why? Because God has made Him both Lord and Christ, Jesus whom you crucified.

In the Sermon on the Mount,  
Jesus contrasts his teachings with  
someone else —

Matt 5:21 *You have heard that  
the ancients were told,*

*Matt 5:27 "You have heard that  
it was said,*

*Matt 5:31 "And it was said*

*Matt 5:33 "Again, you have heard  
that the ancients were told*

*Matt 5:38 "You have heard that it  
was said*

*Matt 5:43 "You have heard that it  
was said*

Was Jesus saying that the Law of  
Moses was wrong? **NO!**

If not then who was saying these  
things?

The ones who get upset at Jesus'  
teaching are the Scribes, the  
Sadducees, and the Pharisees!

Matt 5:21 "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' 22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

Some say that Jesus was teaching his new law which brought a higher moral standing than the Law of Moses. They say that Moses taught it was wrong to murder, but Jesus taught that it was wrong to be angry or insulting.

Thus, Jesus' Law demands more than Moses' Law

Matt 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 "But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 "And if anyone wants to sue you, and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.



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Thus, they see a higher moral standard in the New Law.

Was Jesus teaching that the Law of Moses shouldn't be followed because he had delivered a new Law with a higher morality?

No, Jesus does not say he delivered a law with higher morality, as he nears the end of this lesson

Matt 7:12 "Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Jesus teaching was in perfect  
harmony with the Law of Moses.

It was not in harmony with the  
teaching of the Scribes,  
Sadducees and Pharisees!

The teaching of the Scribes and Pharisees had to be corrected and the Jews had to follow the Law of Moses under which they lived at the time!

Matt 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. 19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

What are we to do today? Under the New Law put into effect when Jesus died on the cross —

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