

# Two Kingdoms, One Life

Luke 22:24-34

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The kingdom of God is as knowable, factual and real as any earthly kingdom this world has ever known. Yet, it is eternal, unending and is ruled by the sovereign, omnipotent creator of heaven and earth to whoever will bow their knee.

## Inverted (24-27)

**What comment launched them into this heated discussion?** (No idea but it was full steam ahead)

**The dispute:** when all is said and done, when all the dust has settled, who is the best disciple?

**Greatest:** the victor, the hall of fame, *deemed the MVP of disciples.*

Irving Berlin, 1946 Broadway musical

*"I can do anything you can do better, I can do anything better than you"*

A group of people expecting the realization of the kingdom that must soon be realized  
Jesus brings to their attention the kingdoms of the world as well as how those kingdoms operate.

**Exercise lordship: to have power, dominion, forced influence over others.**

This was/is normal...

**The leaders, those in authority are called benefactors**

**Benefactors:** title of honor, suggesting that they have served their country well. They have done a great service to their community and the people are deeply grateful.

*"Public Servants"*

- Patronizing term used to flatter or butter someone up.

**Investment into taxes vs. the return that we get... doesn't balance out.**

(if we were to praise the government for using tax dollars to help us)

Feels like something is wrong, *like it's a little backwards.*

## Feels upside down

Jesus introduces the disciples to a kingdom that is upside down or maybe right side up ***inverted***  
***But not so among you...*** this shouldn't be in the mix, AT ALL!

Not in **smaller portions**, nor in a more **diluted form**.

**Separated Breakfast:** we don't measure ourselves against the world, but the Word.

**Power and positions** are real but there is a stark contrast from one kingdom to another as to how they are applied.

**“on the contrary”**

*But not so among you; on the contrary... (26)*

*“Not only should this not be present among the disciples, there is to be a clear distinction.”*

Not doing something vs. doing the right thing.

- not cheating on your homework vs. not doing your homework
- you never burn food, but you also never cook

**Power** is not bad, it's the abused power that is corrupt.

**Authority** is not bad, it is unchecked authority that becomes destructive.

**You can tell when people are from out of town**

- Driving Styles
- Clothing
- Y'all

**Two very real identifying positions as well as two very real identifying character traits.**

1. Cultural positions
2. Occupational positions

**Cultural:** greater: elder, stronger, experience, seniority...

***Be as the younger: newborn, young, newest on the scene***

There is having authority then there is being authoritative.

Jeff K. and trash around the church.

*Possessing a willingness to do the stuff you would typically give to the new guy.*

**Occupational:** governs: lead, commander, overseer, have rule.

As he who serves: attend to others, supply necessities, care for the downtrodden

**Acts 6** ... *they needed men of a willing hearts, full of the holy spirit, wisdom and who had a good reputation to serve tables.*

Manager willing to step into any position and help.- McDonald's

**Mark 10:45** "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

*"that's beneath me... I'm better than that"*

**By sheer human nature, as our position rises... so does our pride.**

The higher our position the lower our posture... increase in humility

**Identifying traits to those who belong to a different Kingdom**

- Value humility and selflessness
- Love our enemies
- Crucify our sin nature rather than excusing it as a personality trait.
- Turn the other cheek
- Extend mercy to whom mercy is not deserved.

## LOOK AT HOW I HAVE BEEN...

*“Contrary to the cultural norms, and if you live according to the status quo, it will be confusing. If you live according to the inverted kingdom it makes perfect sense.”*

Their feet still damp from a moment ago when Jesus girded Himself with a towel and went, one by one washing the disciples' feet.

*Jesus' posture wasn't due to a lack of greatness or authority, rather, is actually a sign of it.*

This is not an edict for the world to follow but an exhortation to live for the right kingdom, in the right way.

**Philippians 2:5-7** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

## Eternal (28-30)

Jesus, in this moment, encourages and affirms them.

### Jesus Trials

*The trials that Jesus experienced were not the disciples'... if they wouldn't have followed, they wouldn't have experienced much of the sufferings.*

**Luke 9** Rejected in certain cities... really rejecting Jesus

**Luke 19** Critiqued for not acting a certain way... bridegroom is here?

**Matthew 5:11** Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

**Acts 14:22** “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

*Not that Jesus desires difficulty but we are forever part of a kingdom that will never conform to the ways of the world and so, by default, there will be difficulty.*

**2 Timothy 2:3** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

You guys have been with me... you didn't flee

**John 6:66-68** From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

*You will encounter difficulties that the world knows nothing about.*

### Bestowing a kingdom

False benefactors vs. Bestowing of blessings

**Bestow:** to appoint, to dispose of one's own affairs, by will rather than necessity.

*When Masters would leave the care of their estate to the servants of the house.*

To have something bestowed upon you is a great honor, and with this great honor comes responsibility.

*The last 3 years have been real but in just a few hours it will all be set into motion.*

## Could have done it another way.

**1 Corinthians 4:1** Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

- *I am the light, you are the light.*

- **Ambassadors:** You are now part of something much bigger than yourself.

A kingdom that is completely **inverted** to the systems of the world.

A kingdom that is wholly **eternal** while everything in this life is temporary.

**If you had to pick to sit at the table of the kings of the earth or The King of all Creation.**

### **Which would you pick?**

- Who would you pick at work in a position of power?
- Who would you pick in your home where respect could be demanded?
- Who would you pick with your friends?
- Who would you pick during your leisure time?

**Bring them into the room** (around the table)

- **New Covenant explained**

- **Passover eaten**

- **Feet washed**

- **Judas identified**

## **My Kingdom**

### **Table to table**

We will do this again in eternity, together at My table.

Final portion of Scripture is **heavy** but also full of **hope**.

The Kingdom is **Inverted**

The Kingdom is **Eternal**

The Kingdom also has an **enemy**.

Take heart... not even the gates of hades... will prevail.

### **Enemy (31-34)**

**Satan is real...** but he is also limited.

**Satan has desire,**

*to steal... kill... destroy (John 10:10)*

Your home,  
Influence/witness,  
Your focus, etc.

### **Desire is to sift them as wheat...**

**You:** all of them with an emphasis on Peter.

*Shake you to the core... I'll show you what they are really made of.*

**Accuser of the brethren... an accusation is not always accurate!** (Rev. 12:10)

## **Works of the flesh vs. the works of Satan.**

**Galatians 5:19-21** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Soils of the heart...**

Wanting of worldly riches

Weariness from the persecutions of the world.

### **Abandon your post**

- Let go... wear you down...

- You are not strong enough to endure all things, you are not smart enough to maneuver your way out of.

- Satan will let you think you are. (give credit where credit is due)

- Very sly, stealthy, cunning

### **Room being filled with gas**

It is Jesus alone who is able to save to the uttermost.

### **Faith will not fail... it can only be refined**

Boldness, Courage, confidence can fail

Self-assurance can fail

### **Faith can only be refined...**

- **2 Corinthians 4:7-10** Hard pressed but not crushed...

- **1 Peter 1:6-8**

**Faith will not fail but Satan will.**

### **Return to ME**

Not to: a group, a calling, a position, JESUS!!!

Strengthen the brethren (they are going to experience it as well)

Let the Lord reinstate you...

Not... ya, ya I know there is a devil; the forces of darkness are after you every day of your life.

It shouldn't scare or intimidate you... but it should sober you up to the things that try and weigh you down or distract you or discourage you or tempt you off the clear path. STAY ON THE PATH!!! You know the way... Jesus said, I am the way... would Jesus do that?

You will be sifted as wheat

Pray for discernment

Return to Jesus