



UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

#1 Dying to Live

THE MAIN MESSAGE OF JESUS

Mark 1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand**; repent and believe in the gospel.”

“Gospel” = good news.

The good news of the arrival of The Kingdom of God!

Royal Law #1 of God’s Upside-Down Kingdom:
DIE TO LIVE

1. JESUS DIED SO THAT HE MIGHT LIVE. He had to die in order to attain a new kind of life for **HIMSELF**.

Romans 6:9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

2. JESUS DIED SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE. It was Jesus’ death that brings new life to us—God’s **ETERNAL LIFE!**

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

3. WE DIED WITH JESUS SO THAT HIS RESURRECTION LIFE WOULD BECOME OUR LIFE. When Jesus died, all true believers died with Him in a spiritual sense. We were **UNITED** with Him in His death that we might also be united with Him in His resurrection life.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me...

Romans 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

4. WE MUST DIE DAILY TO SELF IN ORDER TO REALLY EXPERIENCE THIS NEW LIFE AND BRING IT TO OTHERS.

It is only by dying to sin and self daily that we can fully experience and **EXPRESS** to others God’s true life that resides in us.

Luke 9:23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

Philippians 3:10 ...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:31 ...I die daily.

2 Corinthians 4:12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

5. BECAUSE JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, WE TOO WILL RISE AFTER WE DIE AND WE WILL LIVE FOREVER. Jesus’ death and resurrection guarantees never-ending life in heaven for all those who **BELIEVE** in Him.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 14:19 Because I live, you also will live.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?