

"Top-Level Clearance"

A Joyful Jesus

- The **SETTING**
- The **SPIRIT**
- The **SPEECH**

Peeling Back the Curtain

1. The Father has purposed to both **CONCEAL** and **REVEAL** the realities of the kingdom (v. 21).

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV) - ²⁶ *Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.* ²⁷ *But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.* ²⁸ *God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him.*

It Is Finished by Matt Papa

The keys of the Kingdom were placed into hands
Of children and priests and of fishers of men

"...we are cruel to ourselves if we try to live in this world without knowing about the God whose world it is and who runs it. The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life is a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfold, as it were, with no sense of direction, and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul." (J.I. Packer, Knowing God)

2. The Son has been **ENTRUSTED** with all things and he alone reveals the Father (v. 22).

Hebrews 1:1-3a (ESV) - *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature...*

3. True joy and blessing is found when living with our eyes **OPEN** to the realities of the kingdom (v. 23-24).

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