

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN:  
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

**Sermon Plan**

1. Introduction: The Coming Kingdom
2. The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 1: Creation
3. The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 2: The Fall
4. The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 3: Israel
5. The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 4: Jesus I
6. The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 4: Jesus II
- 7. The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 5: Church**
8. Entering the Kingdom of Heaven
9. Life in the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 1: The Benefits of the Kingdom
10. Life in the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 2: The Core Values of the Kingdom
11. Life in the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 3: The People of the Kingdom
12. Life in the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 4: The Work of the Kingdom
13. Life in the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 5: The Warfare of the Kingdom
14. Conclusion: The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 6: New Creation

THE STORY OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN V:  
THE CHURCH  
(ACTS 2:1-11)

- I. “You Will Be My Witnesses”
- II. Acts 2:1-11: The Rise of the Church of Jesus Christ
  - A. When Pentecost Came (2:1)
  - B. The Arrival of the Spirit (2:2-3)
    1. Significance of the symbolism: wind and fire
      - a. Wind (Ex 14; Ezk 37:3-6)
      - b. Fire (Ex 3:2-5; 13:21-22; 19:18)
  - C. Effects of the Spirit’s Arrival (2:4)
    1. Filled with the Spirit (see also 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; Eph 2:19-21)
    2. Speaking in other tongues/languages
  - D. People from Every Nation under Heaven Hear the Gospel (2:5-11)
- III. Acts 2:1-11 as God’s Word to Us
  - A. Acts 2:1-11 is Important and Relevant News
  - B. Implications of Acts 2:1-11 for Disciples of Jesus Today
    1. Christians must commit to a life of holiness

2. Christians must commit to a life of telling others about God's mighty works
  - a. To those who have not heard.
  - b. To those who have heard and believed (Eph 5:18-21).

### **Questions for Further Discussion**

1. What is the significance of the Spirit-enabled speaking in other tongues? (see Genesis 11)
2. What is the church?
3. Based on Acts 2:1-11, how does the Holy Spirit dwell in the church?
4. Why is the rise of the church an extremely important historical event to God?
5. What does a life committed to holiness look like? Are you living one now? What challenges do you face as you do so?
6. What does a life committed to telling others about God's mighty works look like? Are you living one now? What challenges do you face as you do so?
7. What are the mighty works of God?