



UNEXPECTED KING

**Unexpected Timing**

# Expectations

How things should happen

What things should be like

When things should happen



John 11:17 -21 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.



# When will God's kingdom be fully established and all things made new?

**Luke 19:11** While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and **the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.**

**Acts 1:6-7** Then they gathered around him and asked him, "**Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?**"<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."



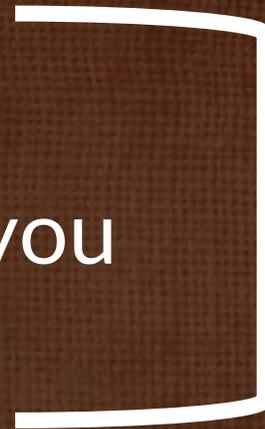
# Jesus uses different terms when He explains the Kingdom of God

The Kingdom is near

The Kingdom is here

The Kingdom is within you

The Kingdom breaks in



Present

The Kingdom is coming



Future



# Unexpected Timing of the Kingdom

“Already , But Not Yet”

Faithful Jews believed that God would send His Messiah to rule on earth, to set them free from oppression and rebuild the Temple. But Jesus shows up and claims a Messianic rule, only his kingdom seems to be here but not yet fully here. Instead of one single DAY to set all things right, Jesus seems to show that his arrival is one day, but there will be a second Day of days, when the Kingdom comes in full. *Chris Macky*



# Living in the “Already and Not Yet”

We are God’s people, citizens of the Kingdom of God in a fallen world that has sin, evil, injustice, suffering and death.

We live on earth as citizens of heaven, under the rule and reign of Jesus our King. As citizens we are indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit, experiencing and bringing the Kingdom to others through words and actions. (God’s *Love, Mercy, Forgiveness, Truth, Light, Compassion, Justice, Peace, Hope, Healing and Deliverance* )

We live our lives in confidence and hope, longing for the consummation of the Kingdom which God has promised.



# Jesus is present in “*Already and Not Yet*”

**John 11:17-43** ...21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” 27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”



# Jesus is present in “Already and Not Yet”

**John 11:17-43** ...32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 **When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.** 34 “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. 35 **Jesus wept.** 36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” 38 **Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb.**



# Invitation

Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. **Do you believe this?**”

Let Jesus into the “Not Yets” of your life

