

Life of Jesus

Lecture Questions

Part Two

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Jesus' Teaching in a Non-Rejection Context

Kingdom of God as Present

1. Pre-Understanding of the Kingdom of God

What would Jesus' contemporaries understand by the term "Kingdom of God"?

2. The Time is Fulfilled

Why does Jesus understand the present time to be significant?

3. The Kingdom of God in Salvation-Historical Context

How does Jesus relate the Kingdom of God to John the Baptist and the period of the Law and prophets?

4. Kingdom of God as a Historical Process

According to Jesus how is the Kingdom of God to come to realization?

5. The Kingdom of God as Inseparable from Jesus

In what sense is the Kingdom of God inseparable from Jesus? What is Jesus' warning to those Jews who have a record of obedience to the Law?

6. Kingdom of God for Jews Alone

To whom is the Kingdom to be offered? Why?

7. On Entering the Kingdom of God

What does Jesus teach about entering the Kingdom of God?

Jesus' Teaching in a Non-Rejection Context

The Kingdom of God as Future

1. Introduction

2. Praying for the Coming of the Kingdom

What does Jesus say that the disciples are to pray for?

3. Eschatological Restoration of Israel

What does Jesus say about the future hope of the nation?

4. Eschatological Reversal

What does Jesus teach will take place at the culmination of the Kingdom of God?

5. Resurrection

What does Jesus say about the resurrection? How does the resurrection relate to the culmination of the Kingdom of God?

6. Names Written in Heaven

What does Jesus mean by having one's name written in heaven?

9. Separation Only at the End

Until the culmination of the Kingdom of God what will be the situation of the unrighteous in Israel?

10. Shortness of the Interval

According to Jesus when will the culmination of the Kingdom of God occur?

11. Jesus and Gentiles

In a non-rejection context, what might have Jesus' view of gentiles in relation to the Kingdom of God have been?

Jesus' Teaching in a Rejection Context

1. Introduction

2. Jesus' Awareness of Rejection

What are the ways in which Jesus expresses his awareness of the rejection of him and his message of the Kingdom of God?

3. Jesus' Condemnation of His Generation

In what ways does Jesus criticize his generation for its rejection of him and his message of the Kingdom of God?

4. The Destruction of the Temple and City

According to Jesus what will the consequences be of his generation's rejection of him and the Kingdom of God?

5. Offer of the Kingdom of God Extended to Others

What happens to the offer of the Kingdom of God when it is rejected by Jesus' generation?

6. Jesus' Community

What is Jesus' community and how does it relate to the Kingdom of God?
