

# Living for the King

*Luke 19:11-27*

# **The setting of this story**

- **The end of Jesus' ministry**
- **Near Jerusalem at the time of the Passover**
- **People thought the Kingdom of God was going to come politically and powerfully through Jesus**

# The Jewish understanding of the Kingdom of God

The Present Age

Kingdom of God

## Messiah

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# God becomes King

## Exodus 15, 20

- **God delivers and saves the Israelites from a return to slavery**
- **The people recognise God as a rightful king**
- **God continues to protect his people**



# God becomes King

**God provides for his people's needs**

**He issues 'law' for them to live by**

**God then dwells with and directs his people**



# A king like the nations

## 1 Samuel 8

- Rejection of God's rule
- Kings, inequality and injustice



# A new King coming

## The prophetic vision

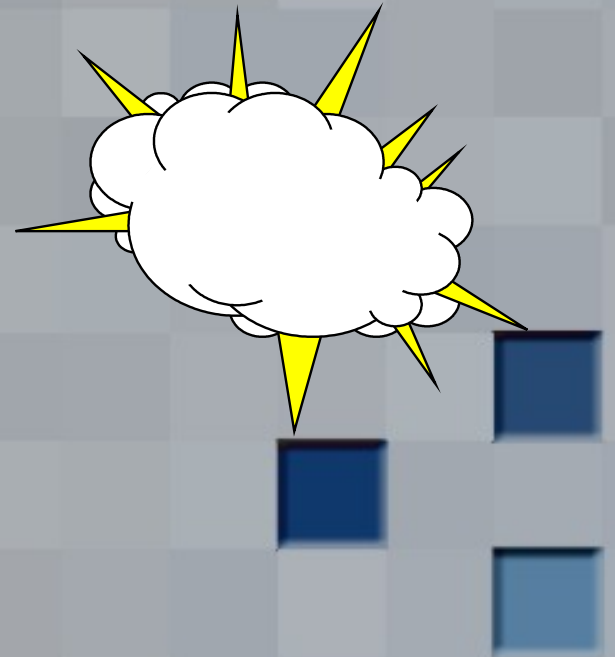
- The messiah (Isaiah 9, 16, 52)
- The son of man (Daniel 7)
- The day of the LORD  
(Zechariah 14, Zephaniah)

- **Isaiah 9:6-7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called **Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the **LORD Almighty** will accomplish this.

# Jesus' message and mission

**Repent and  
believe the  
good news of  
the kingdom**

**The time is fulfilled!**



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# **Some surprises in Jesus' teaching**

- **The Kingdom of God is both NOW and NOT YET (of wheat, weeds, nets and kings)**
- **The Kingdom of God is HIDDEN but QUIETLY growing (of seeds & yeast)**
- **The Kingdom of God is UPSIDE DOWN in its values (of servant kings & righteous sinners)**

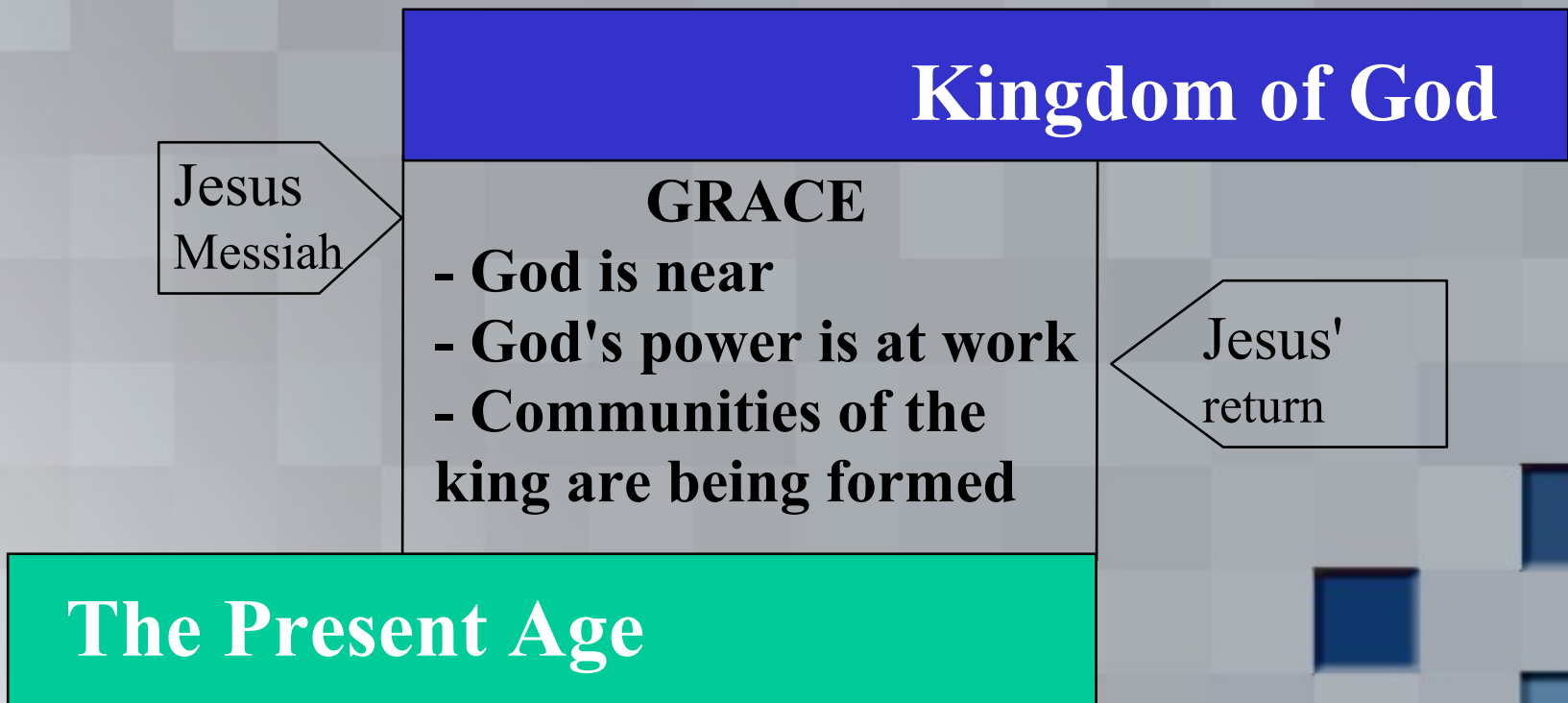
# Unexpected Good News

- **Judgement is delayed – Mark1:14-15. There is a day of grace for all people. Repent and believe - Turn around and see**
- **The end-time power of God is here now - Luke 11:20. Healing, deliverance, restoration, faith in persecution and suffering**

# Unexpected Good News

- **God is a loving Father offering forgiveness - Luke 15**  
**Forgiveness and table fellowship**  
**God desires relationship with his people – he is near rather than distant**
- **A new community formed - Acts 2,4**  
**God's transformed people together witness to the reality of his kingdom**  
**They are marked by love.**

# A Christian understanding of the Kingdom of God



# The Nobleman to be appointed King

- Herod Archelaus – 4BC
- Roman Senate
- His appointment confirmed
- His return



# **“Trade with this..., I will return”**

- **Put this money to work**
- **Approx \$\$\$**
- **What was his purpose?**

# The Nobleman's expectations

- **Set up business**
- **Buy and sell – ordinary activity of life**
- **Trade in my name**
- **With my money**
- **Go public**
- **Put your allegiance on the line**

# To market ..to market



# The enemy delegation



- **Some subjects who hated him formed a delegation**
- *We don't want this \_ to be our king!!!!*
- **They reject Jesus himself and all his kingdom stands for**

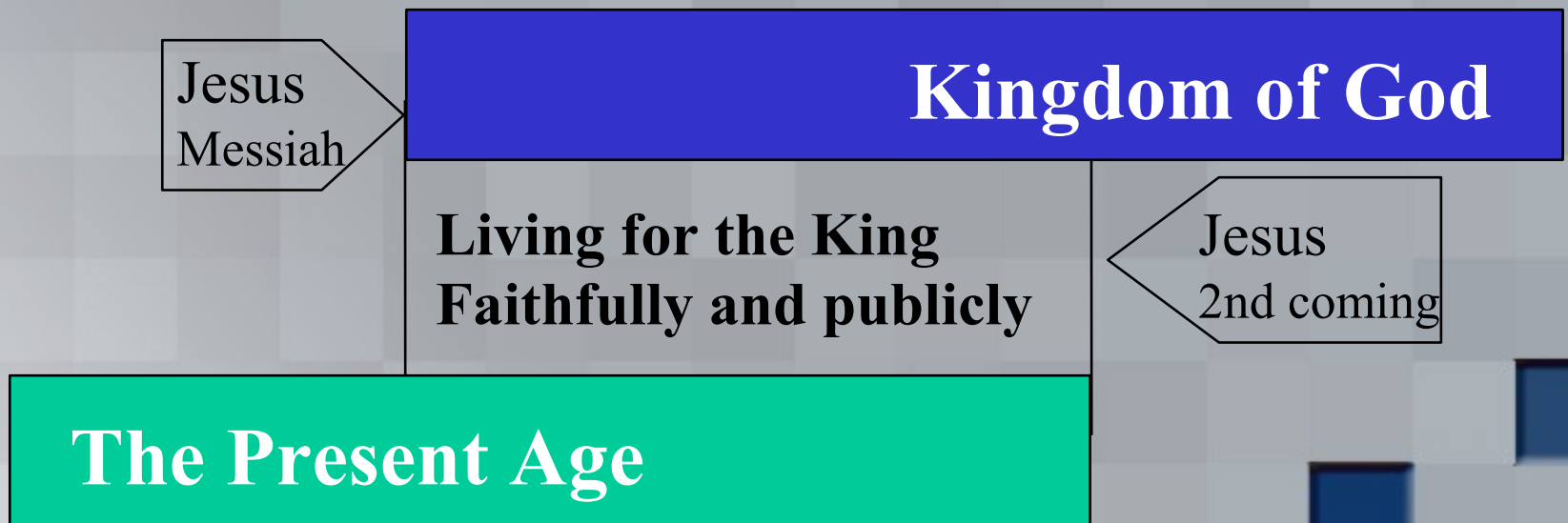
# He was made king ....

- He returns and calls in his servants
- Public faithfulness – trustworthiness receives a reward
  - *Not cash flow as much as public confession*
  - *Not finance as much as faithfulness*
  - *Not profit & loss as much as lifestyle based on the king's way*

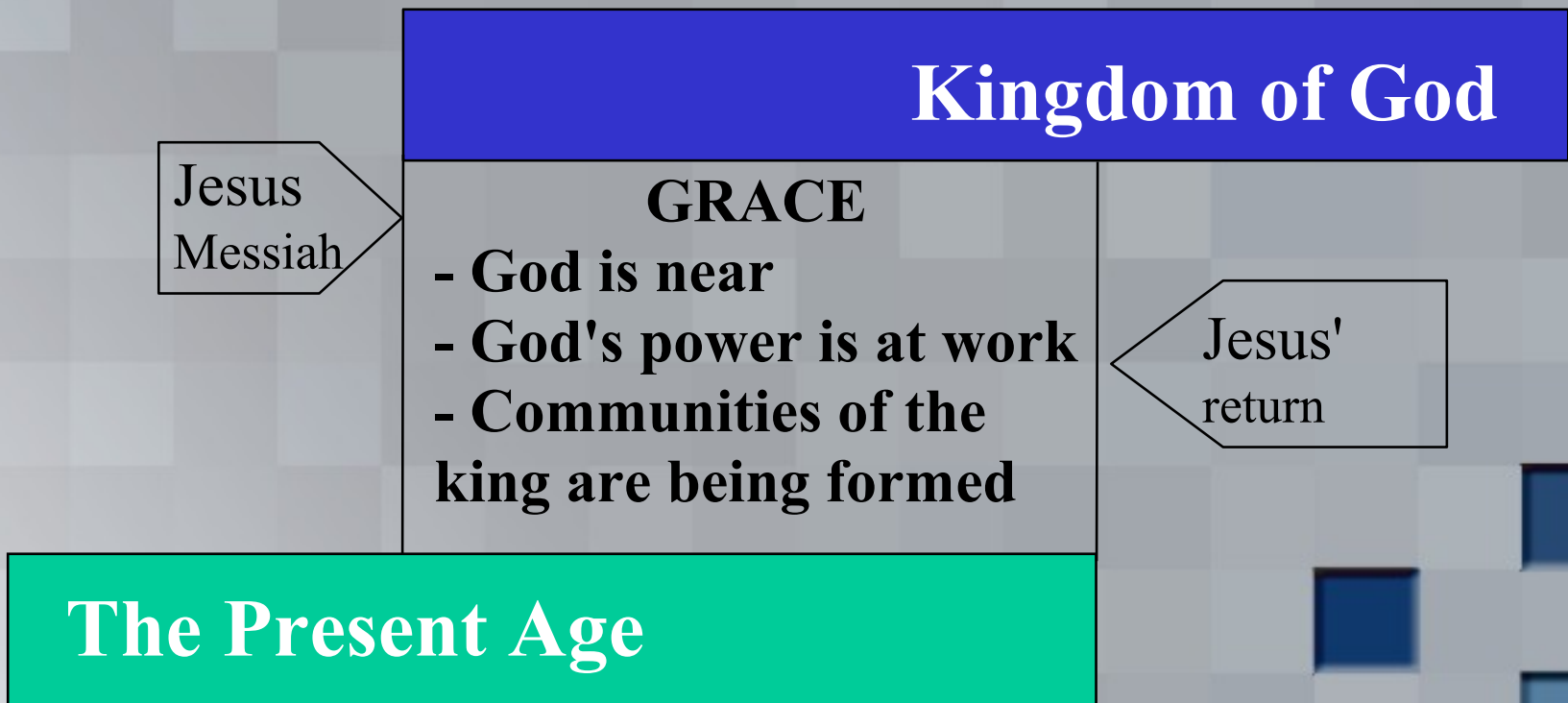
# The unfaithful servant

- His action: kept it laid away - preserved from theft
- His reasoning: “you are a hard man”  
“Taking out what you did not put in - reaping what you did not sow”
- The servant’s mis-judgement and the master’s judgement

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# For your reflection

- What are the 'talents' given to this community of God's people?
- How might Jesus' words “Trade with these” be applied in the marketplace in which your church is located?
- How do our views of God shape our engagement with the community in which we live and work?