

Jesus Began His Ministry

The Call to Discipleship

Matthew 4:12-25

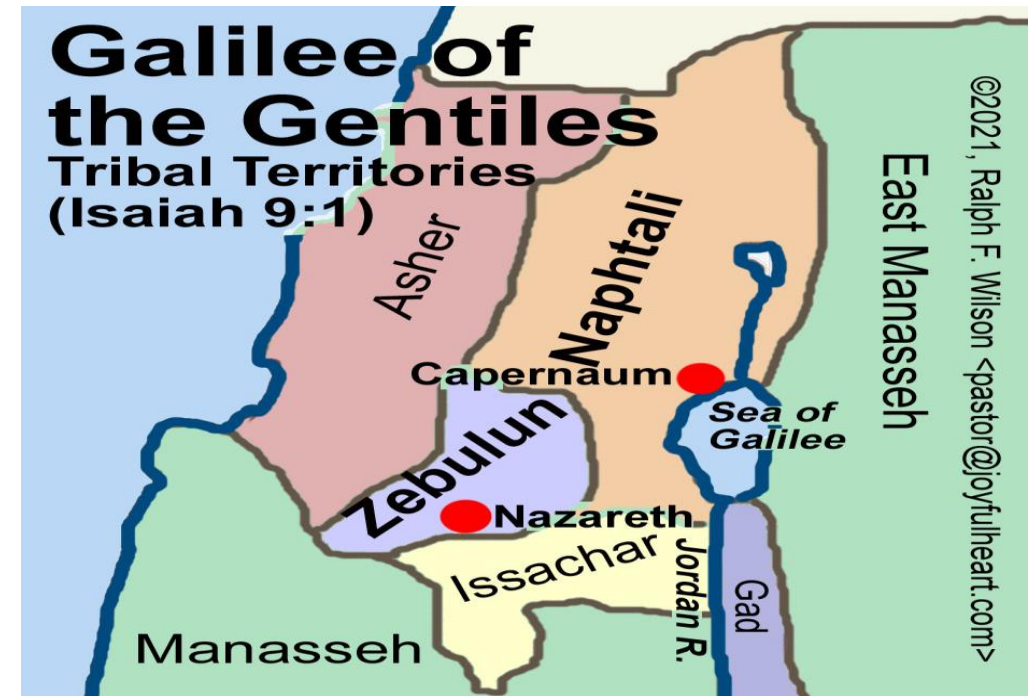
The Gospel of
Matthew

Jesus The Messiah King

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¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali –

***Back to Galilee
of the Gentiles***

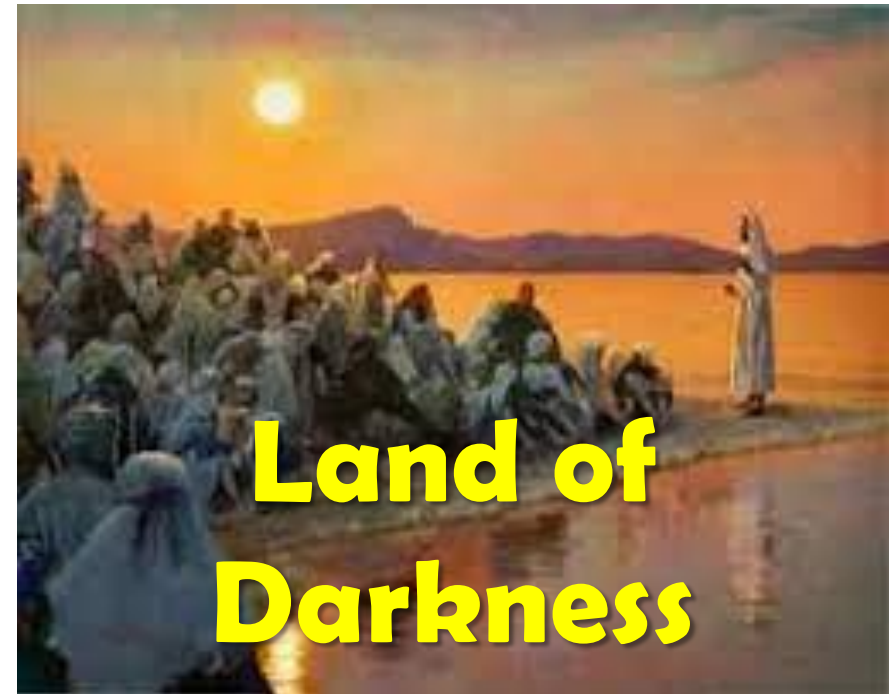


**As prophesized by
Isaiah 9:1-2**

¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.'

A Light Dawns in the Darkness



The light came to us at Christmas in a child

***6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.***

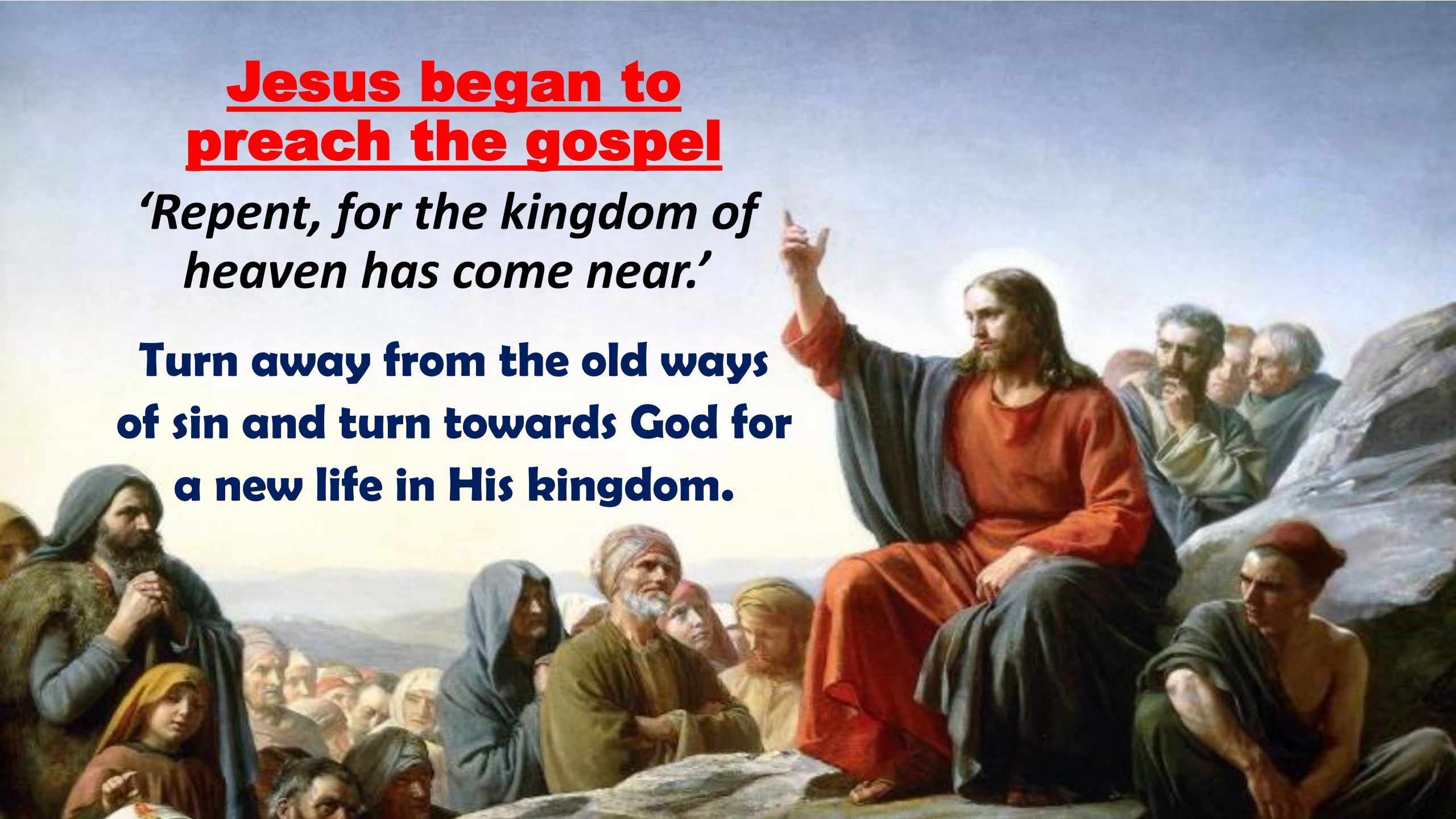
***And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.***



**Jesus began to
preach the gospel**

*‘Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven has come near.’*

**Turn away from the old ways
of sin and turn towards God for
a new life in His kingdom.**



Jesus calls his first kingdom disciples

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew...

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John...Jesus called them,

**Peter and Andrew
James and John**



The Call to Discipleship



“Come, follow me”

“I will make you fishers of men”

‘From fish to men’

**Invest in life transformation
and kingdom expansion!**

“Come, Follow Me”

The Call is Personal!

*A Call to Allegiance with
Jesus the King*

The Respond was Immediate

Without hesitation

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.



Radical Discipleship

They left everything,

The net, boat, father.

Identity, Security, Relationships.

**They gave their hearts
completely to Jesus to
worship God alone**

*Kingdom life of willful detachment
from self and the world*



Kingdom Ministry of Teaching, Preaching, Healing

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases...the demon-possessed... and the paralysed; and he healed them.



Large Crowds Followed Him

²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

‘Another kind of following’

Curiosity - To see him and hope of miracles



Come Follow Jesus

The World is in Darkness

The Kingdom of Light has come!

He is the Light in the Darkness

He Teaches, Preaches, and Heals.

DISCIPLESHIP



*"I am the
light of
the
world."*

**He teaches,
preaches, and heals**

*He brings truth,
love, and power.*

JOHN 8:12

***Light brings life,
truth, beauty***

Invest our Life into His Kingdom

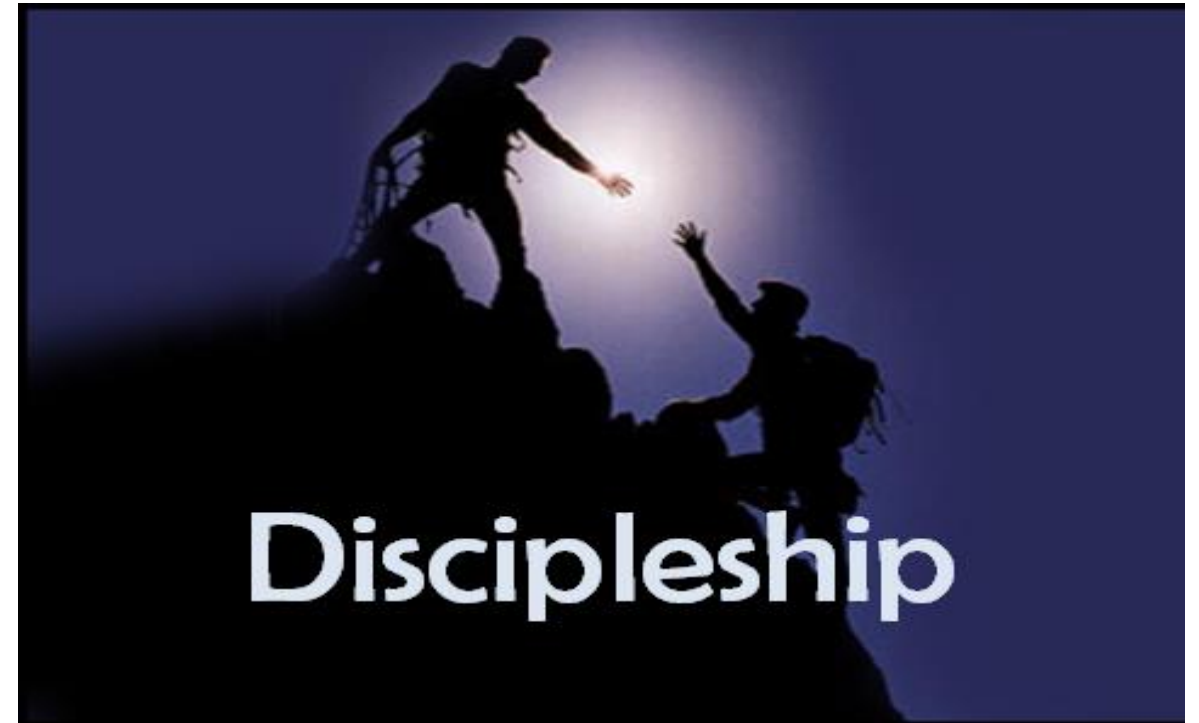
*Don't waste our life or just use it for good
but invest our life into His kingdom*

Be Fisher of Men

Invest in Life

Transformation

**Go Make Disciples
of All Nations!**



Give our hearts allegiance to Him completely

- *A life of willful detachment from self and the world.*
- *To joyful attachment to Jesus and a new community.*



Feeling Inadequate to Respond?

“I will make you fisher of men”

He is the one that empowers

Through Joyful Attachment to God

Discipleship involves a call to abide in Christ



Restoration of Peter
“Do you love me?” 3Xs

It is heart of love that counts

It's worth it!

**Jesus promises greater return
and joy in following him**

Matthew 19:29

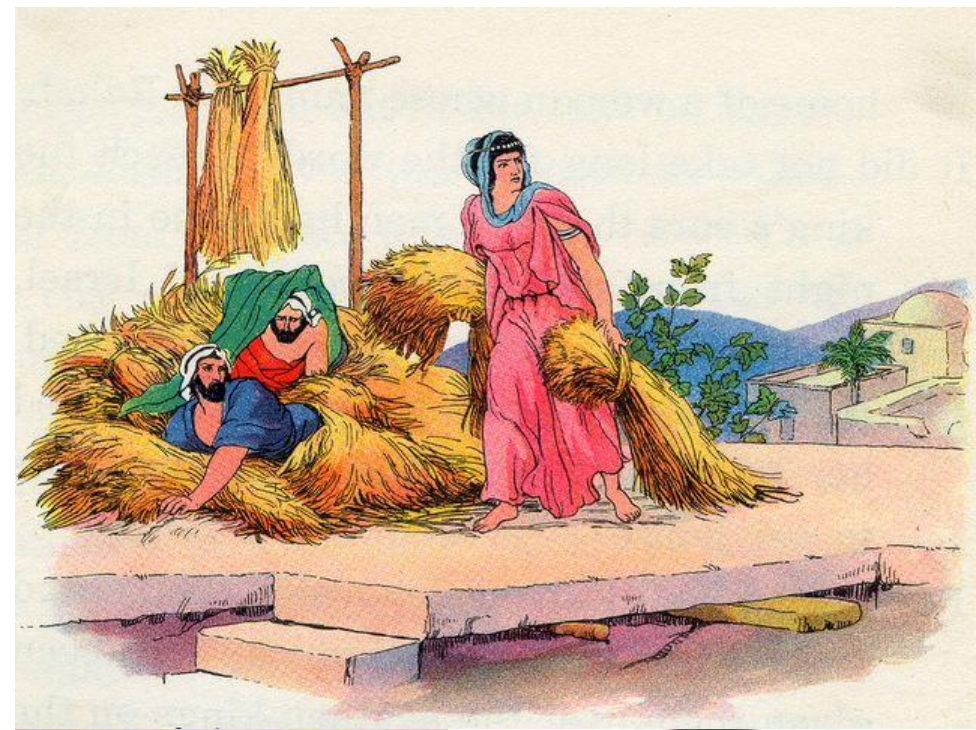
*And everyone who has left houses or
brothers or sisters or father or mother or
wife or children or fields for my sake
will receive a hundred times as much
and will inherit eternal life.*

***We are better off
than before!***



Story of Rahab and Ruth who follow God

- Rahab married Salmon
They have a son , Boaz.
- Boaz married Ruth
They have a son Obed,
father of Jesse.
- Jesse was father of David.
Through David's descendents
came Jesus.



New Kingdom Life in Christ

**Live From the
Mundane to the
Monumental**

*From Routine to
The Unexpected
From Ordinary to
The Supernatural*

You can't help
getting older,
but you don't have
to get old.

(GEORGE BURNS)



**Love and Worship God
and Serve Him Only**

FOLLOW HIM!

*He is the Way Maker,
Miracle Worker,
Promise keeper,
Light in the Darkness*



Be Prepared like the Disciples!

Johnny's Mother noticed Him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work.

A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing. She ran back and see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!"

Johnny looked up at her & said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

