

Week #2

Video – Chapters 1-13

1. REVIEW: Themes



2. REVIEW: Titles/Names for Jesus Within the Narrative (1:18-11:1)

Enemies/Opposed or Resisting God's Reign

- Son of God (Satan)
- Son of God (demons)
- *Your* Teacher (Pharisees)
- [servant of] Prince of Demons (Pharisees)

Disciples or Would-Be Disciples

- King of the Jews (Magi)
- Ruler / Shepherd (quoting Micah)
- Mightier, Worthier Baptizer (John the Baptist)
- One/Teacher with Authority (crowds)
- Lord (multiple seeking healing)

What is the favorite title of Jesus when talking about Himself? _____



Announcing God's Kingdom IN SPECIFIC Moments in chapters 8-10

As shown in the above chapters 4-7 graphic, God's Kingdom Announcements in Jesus are:

- Confront Evil
- Restore God's Reign
- Create a New Family.

We can see Jesus applying these announcements in specific situations with specific people as He brings God's Kingdom into their lives in chapters 8-10.

3. Read 8:5-13. Which of the "God's Kingdom Announcements" apply here?

How is Jesus addressed by the Centurion? _____

How does that seem to relate to the man's level of faith?

4. Read 8:28-34. Which of the “God’s Kingdom Announcements” apply here?

How is Jesus addressed by the demons? _____

How does that seem to relate to the demons’ knowledge of who Jesus is?

5. Read 9:27-31. Which of the “God’s Kingdom Announcements” apply here?

How is Jesus addressed by the blind men? _____

How does that seem to relate to the men and their level of faith?

6. Read 8:1-4. How is “Creating a New Family” the announcement made in this situation?

7. Read 9:1-8. This scene sometimes can be a bit confusing, because we assume that healing a paralytic is a sign of divine power. But Jesus says the “real deal” is the forgiveness of sins. The healing is only a “surface level” sign that points to something greater at work.

Perhaps selecting one of the “God’s Kingdom Announcements” would help us to see what the essential issue is in Jesus and his conversation with the scribes.

Which announcement seems to be the focal point here?

***If it seems difficult to choose, consider this:

The scribes call Jesus “this man”.

What does Jesus assert here about Himself and His identity?

8. When during your week will it help to remember one of “God’s Kingdom Announcements”?