

THE SUNDAY PAPER

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EPIPHANY

Jesus brought us God's Kingdom by sharing our life and our death, and by sharing with us the new life that God gave him. Before he died for us, Jesus showed what God's Kingdom is like. When he healed sick people and forgave people who had done wrong, he showed that God's Kingdom is full of life and hope and love. And he told us that God's Kingdom starts in people's hearts when they begin to live as God's children.

This Sunday we begin reading some of the things that Jesus said about God's Kingdom.

THE "SERMON ON THE MOUNT"
Matthew 5:1-12

JESUS WENT UP TO A MOUNTAINTOP, AND TOLD HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM!

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE BLESSED PEOPLE WHO WILL FIND HAPPINESS IN GOD'S KINGDOM!

BLESSED ARE (MATTHEW 5:4)! GOD WILL COMFORT THEM!

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO KNOW HOW MUCH THEY NEED GOD! GOD WILL GIVE THEM HIS KINGDOM!

BLESSED ARE THE GENTLE. GOD WILL GIVE THEM THE EARTH!

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. GOD WILL GIVE IT TO THEM!

BLESSED ARE (MATTHEW 5:7)! THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY!

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO GET IN TROUBLE FOR THE CAUSE OF RIGHT! GOD'S KINGDOM IS THEIRS!

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE PURE. THEY WILL SEE GOD!

BLESSED ARE (MATTHEW 5:9)! THEY ARE GOD'S CHILDREN!

BE GLAD, BECAUSE (MATTHEW 5:12)!

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God's Kingdom is made of love and peace. Sometimes love and peace are not easy. Sometimes they hurt. But Jesus said, "Be glad! This is the way into God's Kingdom!"

MICAH 6:8

"This is what God asks of you: to be fair, to love goodness, and to be God's children"

PSALM 15:1-2

"Lord, who belongs to you? Those who tell the truth and do good"

1 CORINTHIANS 1:27

"God has chosen the poor and weak to share his Kingdom and show his power"