

Whose Side is God On?

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*But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. 2 Timothy 3:2*

Luke 4:16-30

### 3 Kingdom Realities (that are Counterintuitive to how we think of religion):

1. At any given moment, I am either revealing the Kingdom or ushering Darkness.
2. It's possible to expand the church while diminishing the Kingdom
3. It's possible to value the Kingdom of God before understanding its Source

1. At any given moment, I am revealing the Kingdom or ushering in Darkness. Period.  
*And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,*  
*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*

*because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”*

*And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*

*And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.*  
Luke 4:16-22

2. It's possible to expand the church while diminishing the Kingdom  
*And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”*

*And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”*

**And he said, *"Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown."***

**Luke**

**4:22-24**

**3. It's possible to value the Kingdom before understanding its Source**

***"But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."***

***When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.***

***But passing through their midst, he went away.***

**Luke 4:25-30**