



**NEW TO
FOLLOWING JESUS**



KNOWING THE GOSPEL

GODS PLAN AND PURPOSE ACROSS HIS STORY

VIDEO SCRIPT - THE GOSPEL IS A KINGDOM

When you become a follower of Jesus, you become a member of God's kingdom.

In proclaiming the good news of God, Jesus said, "Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here." (Matthew 4:17). So, what is this kingdom?

In the beginning God created. He created everything we see and some things we can't see. He created a kingdom. A kingdom we could live in and thrive in. God as King and we as His people. A people with a purpose, to govern His kingdom on His behalf.

But Adam and Eve thought better and wanted to stage a takeover. They wanted to rule themselves rather than come under God's rule. They ignored God and tried to be in charge of the kingdom, in charge of their world.

The result, they were no longer able to be in God's kingdom as He designed it.

This became the pattern for all of us ever since. We all want to rule, not under God, but as gods ourselves.

But God is good. He gave an opportunity to be part of His kingdom as a kingdom people. He established a covenant. A set of promises that meant God would be with His people and they could be with Him. But once again, repeatedly, they tried to rule themselves.

But God is good. He gave them another opportunity to be part of His kingdom as a kingdom people. He established a series of laws. Laws that would show them how to live as kingdom people. He set apart priests and kings to help guide and lead God's people. But as if on repeat, they continually tried to rule themselves.

Across this time, they were warned continually that there is only one true King, only one God. They were disciplined by God to help them see what they were doing. Some heard and responded, many ignored.

God finally broke into history to reveal Himself as King. God came to earth in the person of Jesus. Fully human, fully God. Jesus revealed himself as a King in what he said, what he did, and what he provided. And yet in another rebellion, they killed Jesus.

But Jesus' death was the way by which we can enter back into God's Kingdom. He was able to reverse the result of our coup and rebellion. He was to bring about a new kingdom. To start all over again.

Jesus rose back to life, showing he is the Creator King. The one true King. We finally had the King this earth needed and was created for. Jesus invites all people to come under his rule. To be his people. To experience his kingdom.

Jesus established the church to be his kingdom people. He gives them the Holy Spirit to shape and transform them as kingdom people. They do this by listening to God's kingdom story, living that story as their own, and spreading the story, the good news to others.

The King promises that one day he will come back and establish his perfect kingdom. A place of peace, love, joy and holiness.

The Gospel is a Kingdom

God's people, in God's place, under God's rule and blessing.