

Jesus is Misunderstood

“You could say that Jesus Christ is the most misunderstood person on the Earth, because even His closest followers, the Christians (who people who carry His name), have misconstrued His message. I would go so far as to call it a tragedy that we have produced a religion called Christianity. Jesus Christ did not invent such a thing. Even in the Bible stories about Him and about the undertakings of His disciples, the word “Christian” is used only twice, and one of them is derogatory.

It is time to set things straight. Jesus did not come to set up a religion. He came to establish an outpost of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus did not exercise his right to become a teacher until he was thirty years old. Then for the next three years, He roamed the countryside as an itinerant rabbi, teaching anyone who would listen what the Kingdom was like and demonstrating its liberating power with miraculous signs. A good part of His message was “repent”—change your thinking. Change your thinking to what? To Kingdom thinking, to a recognition of heavenly lordship. That is what He said in the first recorded words of his teaching¹...

The words “at hand” and “near” mean the same thing. The Kingdom was approaching, and Jesus was announcing its coming. As a matter of fact, He was ushering it in.

He did not give people more laws and religious rituals to learn. They had enough of those already. He wanted to tell people what to do with their lives, how to become naturalized (perhaps I should say “supernaturalized”) citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.”²

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1 – Matthew 4:17

2 – Myles Munroe (2016) “The Principles & Power of Kingdom Citizenship” Destiny Image p:75-76