

Talking Points Guide "KIGDOM COME: For the World" April 5, 2020 Pastor Jacob Young | Cornerstone Church

Scripture: Read Luke 1:1-3

Summary: Luke was a well-educated man, a doctor, and a friend of Paul. He wrote what we call The Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles. He lived through the Acts and witnessed many of the events himself. But as a doctor, he was a lover of details and was very careful to make sure that everything was correct. There were hundreds and hundreds of eyewitnesses to the many miracles, teachings, and death and resurrection of Jesus. He interviewed many of them, "carefully investigating everything from the beginning" and then wrote "a careful account" for his friend Theophilus so he could "be certain of the truth." Jesus came to turn the world as they knew it upside down. His actions and statements were astounding, and the Kingdom he was bringing was radically different. Dr. Luke captures it all.

Talk it Over:

1. Luke interviewed Jesus' mother Mary and she told him about the encounter with the angel where the unending Kingdom Jesus would establish was first mentioned. What do you think Mary must have thought or felt when she heard this?

2. John the Baptist was the first to recognize and point out that Jesus was coming to do something greater than anyone else had ever done, and that he was greater than anyone else that had ever lived or led them - even greater than Moses. Why do you think the comparison to Moses would be hard to believe?

3. Everyone thought Jesus was going to be the King of a Kingdom like they already knew. Some people still believe that. They think that Jesus is just a "new and improved" version of the Old Testament and religion as they knew it. Talk about what this really means: *"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17*

4. How is grace and truth better than law? Do you think it is harder to truly live by love or by the law? Talk about your answer.

5. The new Kingdom is open to everybody! Is there anyone you think might find that hard to believe? Plan now how you will share Jesus with them this Easter season.

Jesus came to make everything new! A new covenant—sealed with the blood of the King who died for his subjects. A new commandment—love, not law. A new movement—for the whole world, not just a few.

Talk it Over with Kids:

- Jesus is the kind and loving King who wants everyone to be in his kingdom. Who do you want to pray for to be in the Kingdom with you?
- What is new in your life because Jesus is your King?