

“KINGDOM STARTED ON PENTECOST” # I

When **John** the baptizer began preaching his central message was: “**The kingdom of heaven is at hand,**” Matt. 3:2. When **Jesus** began his public ministry his central message was: “**The kingdom of heaven is at hand,**” Matt. 4:17. Both **John** and **Jesus** were in **agreement** that the Kingdom of heaven was **near**.

A passage that is most interesting is found in Mk. 9:1, “*Verily I say unto you, There are some here of them that stand by, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the **Kingdom of God come with power.***” From this passage we learn the kingdom was to come within the lifetime of some of those alive, present at that time. You will also note “**the Kingdom was to come with power.**”

Lk. 24:49 states, “*And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high.*” The expression “**in the city,**” has reference to Jerusalem being “**the city.**” I shall not argue that point now, it is understood! Notice then, in **Jerusalem** the **power** was to come, and from Mk. 9:1 the “**Kingdom**” was to come with “**power.**”

From Acts 1:8 we have, “*But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you,*” The Lord is telling the apostles they will receive “**power**” when the “**Holy spirit**” comes upon them; but from Mk. 9:1 we learned the “**Kingdom**” was to come with “**power.**” When we find the **Holy Spirit coming** we will know when the **power came** and when the **Kingdom came**.

The **Holy Spirit** came In **Jerusalem** on the day of **Pentecost**: “*And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance,*” Acts 2:1-4. From this context we learn the **Holy Spirit came**; yet the “**power**” **was to come with the Spirit**; and also, from Mk. 9:1 we learned the “**Kingdom**” was to come with the “**power.**” Since the **Holy Spirit** came on the day of Pentecost, the **Power** then came on the day of Pentecost and thus, the **Kingdom came on the day of Pentecost!**

This would be within the “**life of some of them standing by**” and the fulfillment of what the Lord said in Mk. 9:1. In these texts, as we have noticed: the “**power;**” the “**Holy Spirit;**” the “**Kingdom**” came in **Jerusalem**; on the day of **Pentecost**, in Acts 2:1-4. This argument was presented by **John, Jesus** and **Luke** showing the kingdom had its beginning on the **day of Pentecost**, in the **city of Jerusalem** and the date can be established around the **year 33 A.D.** Here is where the Kingdom of God had its beginning.

All of the efforts of men to establish the fact of God’s Kingdom coming after the second coming of Christ and that it will be in existence for 1,000 years in Jerusalem is not the truth. Think closely about what is presented concerning the **Kingdom being in existence now!**

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