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**1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, 2 and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” (Matt 14:1-2)**



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**(Isa 9:1-2)**

**1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**



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## 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, (Matt 4:17a)

Transliteration : kēryssō

Phonetic Pronunciation : kay-roos'-so

Definition:

of uncertain affinity; to *herald* (as a public *crier*), especially divine truth (the gospel) :- preach (-er), proclaim, publish.

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Root: of uncertain affinity

Part of Speech: verb



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Transliteration: metanoēō

Phonetic Pronunciation: met-an-o-eh'-o

Definition:

from <G3326> (meta) and <G3539> (noieo); to *think differently or afterwards*, i.e. *reconsider* (moral feel compunction) :- repent.

Greek Word: μετανοέω

Root: from <G3326> and <G3539>

Part of Speech: verb



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***Repentance is the inward activity of turning toward God that takes place when we realize the depth and power of our sin-inhabited lives. To repent is to become aware of God's invitation into the kingdom, recoil with awareness of your sin and brokenness, and rethink your strategy for living, now that the option of the kingdom is at hand.***

O'Rourke, Elane. A Dallas Willard Dictionary: Second Edition—Revised and Expanded (p. 216). Kindle Edition.



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***The kingdom of the heavens (or of God) is the range of God's effective will, hence anything that obeys God's will is within his kingdom. It has always existed, but has been made accessible to everyone through Jesus Christ.***

*O'Rourke, Elane. A Dallas Willard Dictionary: Second Edition—Revised and Expanded (p. 154). Kindle Edition.*



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***The term kingdom of the heavens includes all the qualities that living under the rule of a sovereign, loving, creative Trinitarian God implies. The kingdom among us, which refers to the same thing, specially emphasizes God's presence in and among those over whom he reigns.***

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The kingdom of God was the major theme of Jesus' ministry and His favorite description of what God is doing in the world. Jesus often began His parables by saying, "The kingdom of God is like . . ." In fact, the word kingdom is used more than 150 times in the New Testament.

Bill Thrall; Dallas Willard; Bruce Demarest; Bruce McNicol. The Kingdom Life: A Practical Theology of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation (Kindle Locations 32-34). Kindle Edition.

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What is the gospel message? In recent decades, the popular meaning of Jesus' birth, life, death, and teaching has been pared down to two mutually exclusive shreds. The first is that Jesus came to save you from the punishment for sin in the fires of hell, which he accomplished by his death.

The second is that Jesus came to teach you how to end human evil and bring about heaven on earth through the overhaul of social systems. What they have in common is a single-minded focus on human evil and sin and what Jesus has done about them. Dallas calls this focus the gospel of sin management.

In contrast, he presents the gospel of Jesus (or gospel of the kingdom). This is the idea that Jesus' purpose is to proclaim the current availability of life in the kingdom of God. Life in the kingdom of God is not an after-death experience only, and it is not brought about by humans focused on solving social ills. Life in the kingdom of God is brought about by an individual having confidence in the truth that Jesus is all he says he is, following his way, and living an interactive, power-filled, intimate life with God now. This gospel is taught throughout the New Testament, but fleshed out in Matthew 5 through 7. In emphasizing the gospel of the kingdom Dallas was not denying that justification came through Christ's death of the cross. He was expanding

beyond the overly simplistic concern about getting into heaven, and suggesting there is more to salvation than justification. Neither was he suggesting that the improvement of life for the poor and the oppressed doesn't matter, or that wrongs shouldn't be righted. He was stating that changing the systems doesn't change the people, but transformed people cannot help but effect change by their very presence in the world.

O'Rourke, Elane. A Dallas Willard Dictionary: Second Edition--Revised and Expanded (pp. 114-115). Kindle Edition.



## Disciples Trust God's Word & Obey It – Spiritual Disciplines

### Disciplines of Abstinence

- solitude
- silence
- fasting
- frugality
- chastity
- secrecy
- sacrifice

### Disciplines of Engagement

- study
- worship
- celebration
- service
- prayer
- fellowship
- confession
- submission

Willard, Dallas. *The Spirit of the Disciplines* (pp. 158-159). HarperCollins.  
Kindle Edition.



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## Disciples Know the Enemy - H.A.L.T.

- Hungry
- Angry
- Lonely
- Tired

Stanley, Charles. *When the Enemy Strikes: The Keys to Winning Your Spiritual Battles*. Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition. Charles Stanley, *When The Enemy Strikes*



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Spiritual disciplines are a practical way we put the teachings of Jesus into practice.