

Sermon Notes

Recognise the time (part two)

Luke 13:10-21

Intro: how would we describe the times we are living in? [12:56]

This is the time when...

1. ...the long-awaited Kingdom of God has broken in to set people free (13.10-17)

- A suffering women is set free after so many years (cf. 4:18)
- The kingdom of God is pushing back the rule of Satan (cf. 11:20-22)
- The Sabbath (& year of Jubilee) is being fulfilled! (cf. 4:19)
- Promises to Abraham are being fulfilled! (cf. 2:73)

➔ **Reaction 1: refusing to accept what God is doing now** (v14, v18)

➔ **Reaction two: rejoicing and glorifying God!** (v13, v17)

But have realistic expectations ...

2. ...the Kingdom of God will be growing unseen and from small beginnings (13.18-21)

- The Seed: tiny start to become a kingdom bigger than Babylon!
- Yeast: unseen, unspectacular progress that will spread everywhere!

Concluding School of Discipleship (part 1): Know for certain: what will it mean to follow the cross-bound Christ in a world that doesn't?

Turning to him, prioritising him, proclaiming him, enduring cost for him, listening to him, depending on him, facing opposition to him, serving him, rejoicing in him, awaiting his return! (9:51-12:21)