

- I. Jesus ushered in the triumphant kingdom of God
 - A. Jesus brought healing for the body
 - B. Jesus brought freedom from Satan’s control
 - C. Jesus gave evidence that he was the Messiah
- II. How do people respond to the power of Jesus?
 - A. Some were amazed
 - B. Some accused Jesus of working with Satan

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19)

- C. Some demand another miracle as proof

“A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” (Matthew 16:4)

- III. How did Jesus respond to the people?
 - A. He proclaimed their argument illogical
 - B. He proclaimed their argument to be self-indicting
 - C. He proclaimed their accusation was an admission of his power
 - D. He proclaimed the arrival of the Kingdom of God

“The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed.” (Daniel 2:44)

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13)

- E. He proclaimed his power over Satan

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” (I John 4:4)

- IV. How must we respond to Jesus?
 - A. In the spiritual battle there is no neutral ground

“Elijah went before the people and said, ‘How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.’” (I Kings 18:21)

B. We must make a choice to follow Jesus

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.” (Joshua 24:15)

C. We must live in daily dependence on God

D. We must hear and obey the Word of God