

Revision: God's Kingdom (St Mark's G.)

Use the following 28 questions to write 28 revision points about the Kingdom of God.

- 1 Jesus began his public ministry by preaching that
 - A the Kingdom of God is close at hand.
 - B only the Jews would be saved.
 - C the Kingdom would appear in the future.
 - D the Romans were to be vanquished.
- 2 The 'territory' of the Kingdom lies
 - A in Judea.
 - B in the hearts of people.
 - C in Galilee.
 - D in Palestine as a whole.
- 3 In order to accept the Kingdom of God
 - A people need to become Jewish.
 - B people need to repent and believe.
 - C people need to have done many good works.
 - D people need to attend a place of worship.
- 4 The Kingdom of God is a reality
 - A only at the end of time.
 - B only in heaven.
 - C only on earth.
 - D where God's love abounds.
- 5 Citizens of the Kingdom of God ought to be
 - A peacemakers.
 - B generous.
 - C compassionate.
 - D all of the above.
- 6 The growth of God's Kingdom meets great opposition because
 - A God is not all-powerful.
 - B God is not all-loving.
 - C the ways of the world are often evil.
 - D people do not deserve to receive it.
- 7 Which of the following best expresses the wish to see God's Kingdom flourish?
 - A The Lord's Prayer
 - B Ten Commandments
 - C Hail Mary
 - D Sign of the Cross
- 8 What is the basic message of the Parable of the Sower?
 - A the Kingdom of God will fail
 - B it will grow in spite of setbacks
 - C evil is ever-present
 - D the Kingdom of God is imperfect
- 9 In the interpretation of this parable given later, what does the seed represent?
 - A the Jews
 - B the hearts of people
 - C God's message
 - D good works
- 10 And what do the thorns represent?
 - A persecution
 - B cares of the world, earthly desires
 - C Satan's influence
 - D none of the above
- 11 Which of these Parables is found only Mark's Gospel?
 - A Parable of the Lamp
 - B Parable of the Sower
 - C Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself
 - D Parable of the Mustard Seed
- 12 Which parable gets across that the Kingdom grows by God's power alone?
 - A Parable of the Lamp
 - B Parable of the Sower
 - C Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself
 - D Parable of the Mustard Seed
- 13 Which of the following parables uses exaggeration for its effect?
 - A Parable of the Lamp
 - B Parable of the Sower
 - C Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself
 - D Parable of the Mustard Seed
- 14 Which of the following parables has a veiled criticism of the religious groups?
 - A Parable of the Lamp
 - B Parable of the Sower
 - C Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself
 - D Parable of the Mustard Seed

- 15** According to Mark, the disciples
A always understood the parables first time.
B asked Jesus to explain their meaning.
C didn't need to listen to what they knew already.
D spoke out their own parables.
- 16** 'Listen, anyone who has ...
A understanding.'
B ears to hear.'
C ability.'
D a mind of his own.'
- 17** Which parable gets across the fact that gentiles will be drawn into God's Kingdom?
A Parable of the Lamp
B Parable of the Sower
C Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself
D Parable of the Mustard Seed
- 18** Which of the following could be read as an *allegory* - requiring interpretation?
A Parable of the Lamp
B Parable of the Sower
C Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself
D Parable of the Mustard Seed
- 19** What miracle is recorded immediately after the parables of chapter four?
A calming of the storm
B healing of the paralysed man
C healing of Simon's mother-in-law
D raising of Jairus' daughter
- 20** About parables, what is not true?
A they were common teaching aids
B they use simple images and ideas
C they relate to the Kingdom of God
D they have no meaning today
- 21** '... whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child ... '
A will be condemned.
B will never enter it.
C will need to repent.
D will find it hard to be saved.
- 22** What advice did Jesus first give to the rich man seeking eternal life?
A about the prophets
B about loving your neighbour
C about regular worship
D about the commandments
- 23** To be perfect the man was invited to do what?
A share with the poor
B give his wealth to the poor and follow Jesus
C keep more strictly to the commandments
D become a Pharisee
- 24** What stopped him becoming a disciple?
A money
B hardness of heart
C attachment to money
D fear of persecution
- 25** What striking image did Jesus use to show how difficult the salvation of the rich will be?
A thorns among wheat
B trampling over rocky ground
C camel passing through the eye of a needle
D house with no foundations
- 26** A scribe asked what was the greatest commandment of all. Jesus' reply?
A honour your father and mother
B love people
C love God and neighbour as yourself
D keep holy the Sabbath
- 27** What led Jesus to say to the scribe that he was not far from the Kingdom of God?
A the scribe had approved of Jesus' answer
B the scribe had asked a clever question
C the scribe followed the Torah strictly
D the scribe was well-educated
- 28** Jesus would have differed most with the authorities over the meaning of what?
A love
B God
C neighbour
D self