

The Kingdom of God

Series: The Gospel of Mark

- A. Mark 1:15- "The time has come!" he said, "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the _____."
- All of Jesus' teachings and ministry would be explaining to us what He meant concerning this Kingdom of God
- B. What is this "Kingdom of God" that Jesus was referring to?
- 1) a treasure hidden in a field
 - 2) the most amazing pearl
 - 3) a beautiful, glorious mansion
- C. A Bug's Life; ANTZ; Bee Movie - for the bugs living in their little world, the anthill, beehive or trash heap seems great, grand, and it appears to be _____ to existence
1. when they leave what is _____ within the anthill, what they find simply blows their minds; the world outside of the hive or anthill is so vast and wonderful that they literally cannot take it all in
 2. what if what we see and experience today isn't even remotely close to the vastness and wonder of a reality that exists beyond our senses?
 3. if, like Marx says, life is nothing more than an anthill, it would absolutely stink
 4. the very small percentage of people who agree with Marx seem determined to convince the rest of us that we are _____ for thinking that there is something more to life than living in an anthill
- D. Jesus gives us another option
1. Jesus says, "I have been _____ of the anthill; and what I saw, what I experienced there was so far beyond what you can understand in this reality, that it is simply beyond your comprehension
 2. Jesus came from the perfect, unblemished, unstained kingdom of God which is outside our _____ of existence
 3. Jesus has been to the other _____. He has seen what's out there beyond the anthill; and in his very first message to his last dying breath, he was saying to us, "There is so much more to life than what you see"
- E. The Kingdom of God is at hand," Jesus says, "and I have come to show you the Way to it; I have come to tell you the Truth about it"
- F. Q: Are you willing to see beyond the anthill?