

- The Purposes for Christ's Ministry Display the Differences between the Kingdom Messages.
 - To reveal God to man (John 1:18; Hebrews 1:1–2).
 - To display His love for the Father (John 10:17–18).
 - To bring the Mosaic Law to completion, nailing it to His cross (Matthew 5:17–18; Ephesians 2:15).
 - To judge the meaningless traditions in religious practices of the Pharisees (John 9:39–41).
 - To divide disciples from their families (Matthew 10:34–37).
 - To learn obedience (Hebrews 5:8; Philippians 2:7–8).
 - To be an understanding High Priest (Hebrews 2:18; 4:14–16).
 - To prove that He is worthy to be a Savior (Hebrews 2:10).
 - To witness the truth—freedom from the sin nature (John 18:37; cf. John 8:32–36; 14:6).
 - To offer the Kingdom to Israel (Matthew 4:17).
 - To speak the words of the Father (John 12:47–49).
 - To prove His Deity by sign miracles (John 2:11; 20:30–31; Acts 2:22).
 - To offer His life as a ransom to release (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45).
 - To fulfill the Father's commandments (John 10:17–18).
 - To seek the lost (Luke 19:10).
 - To bring eternal life (John 3:16–17).
 - To destroy the work of the Devil (1 John 3:8).

Matthew

The Kingdom of the Heavens

The Immersion of Jesus (Matthew 3:13–17)

- Jesus comes to John to be immersed (Matthew 3:13).
- John attempts to prevent Jesus, for he knows that he needs to be immersed by Jesus (Matthew 3:14).
- Jesus asks John to do this so they may do all things in a righteous manner (Matthew 3:15).
 - Jesus is being immersed into His priestly service (Hebrews 7:11).
 - The age of 30 is the age for entering into service to the Lord (Numbers 4:3).
- The witness of God the Father concerning His Son (Matthew 3:16–17).
 - Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16).
 - God the Father declares He is pleased with the Son (Matthew 3:17).
 - This fulfilled the promise of God concerning John's immersion of Israel (John 1:32–34).

Jesus is Tempted by the Devil (Matthew 4:1–11)

- After His immersion, Jesus is driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 4:1–2).
 - The Holy Spirit causes Jesus to go out into the wilderness (Matthew 4:1).
 - Jesus is tempted for forty days and nights (Matthew 4:1).
 - During His temptation, He was fasting (Matthew 4:2).
- Satan tempts the Son of God to act independently from the Father (Matthew 4:3–4).
 - Since Jesus is hungry, Satan tempts Him with turning stones into bread (Matthew 4:3).
 - Jesus quotes Scripture in response to Satan's temptation (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3).

- Satan tempts the Son of God to tempt the Father (Matthew 4:5-7).
 - Satan questions God's protection (Matthew 4:5-6).
 - Satan uses Scripture to tempt Jesus (Psalm 91:11-12).
 - Jesus responds with Scripture (Matthew 4:7; Deuteronomy 6:16).
- Satan Tempts Jesus with the Kingdom of the World (Matthew 4:7-10).
 - Satan knows that God has promise the Son the kingdoms of the world (Psalm 2:8).
 - Satan is the ruler of the age, and has authority over the Gentile nations (Matthew 4:8; Ephesians 2:2).
 - He tempt Jesus to worship him to receive the kingdoms (Matthew 4:9).
 - This would be a recognition by God that Lucifer is like Him.
 - Lucifer's pride blind Him from seeing the truth about who he is (Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:13-14).
 - Jesus rebukes the Devil (Matthew 4:10; Deuteronomy 6:13).
- The angels minister to Jesus (Matthew 4:11).

Jesus Begins to Proclaim the Kingdom of the Heavens (Matthew 4:12-17)

- John the Baptizer is put into prison (Matthew 4:12).
 - He was bound because of Herodias, Herod's brother's wife whom he married (Mark 6:17-18).
 - Herod (Antipas) feared John (Mark 6:20).
- Jesus leaves Nazareth and resides in Capernaum (Matthew 4:13-16).
 - Jesus resides in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali (Matthew 4:13).
 - This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah (Matthew 4:14; Isaiah 9:1-2).
- Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of the Heavens (Matthew 4:17).

The Different between the Kingdom of the Heavens and the Kingdom of God

- The kingdom of the heavens relates to the Regal reign from the Heavens.
 - The rule from the heavens over the kingdoms of men (Daniel 4:26).
 - God gives the kingdoms to whomever He chooses (Daniel 4:17).
 - God uses angels, both fallen and unfallen, to implement His rule among the affairs of men.
 - They are referred to as watchers.
 - Some watchers are unfallen angles (Daniel 4:13).
 - Others are fallen (1 Kings 22:19-23).
 - Ahaz is persuaded to go to war by a demon (1 Kings 22:21-22).
 - The spirit that troubled Saul after God took the kingdom from him because of his disobedience (1 Samuel 16:14; 15:23).
- The kingdom of God is the sphere of authority the God personally wields. Not equivalent with His sovereignty.
 - The kingdom of God during the dispensation of grace (Psalm 103:17-22).
 - The kingdom of God relates to those who are saved, and unfallen spirit beings, in all dispensations.
- Jesus first began proclaiming the Kingdom of God (John 3:1-6).
- After John's imprisonment, Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of the Heavens (Matthew 4:17; cf Matthew 4:12).
- Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of the Heavens was restricted to the Jews (Matthew 15:24).
- Jesus's ministry related to the Kingdom of the Heavens was not restricted to Israel (Mark 6:6-11; Luke 9:1-6).
- During Christ's earthly ministry He proclaimed two distinct messages (Acts 2:22).
 - His power and authority to reign as king, seen by his miracles and wonders.
 - His Deity, displayed by signs.