

# Instruction About the Kingdom of God

During the days after **Messiah** predicted **His** death (see **Fy - Jesus Predicts His Death**), **the Lord** went over and over that lesson with **the apostles** seeking to get **them** to grasp it. But **they** were ill-prepared to receive it and needed to be prepared for it. Prophecies of suffering, rejection and death had engulfed **their** minds and souls. The proclamation that **Yeshua** was **the** divine **Meshiach** had not been met with promises of glory from an imminent ushering in of the messianic Kingdom, but announcements of certain public rejection, and seemingly terrible defeat.<sup>867</sup>

How desperately **they** needed to see what **Christ** meant about **His** power and glory. Then **the Master** wisely took three of **His** inner-circle, **Peter, James** and **John**, who had been with **Him** in the home of Jairus when **He** called back the life of the little girl, and would be with **Him** at Gethsemane. If **the talmidim** had any doubt that **Jesus** would someday come to reign in glory, **He** gave them a foretaste of **His** future glory in the present.