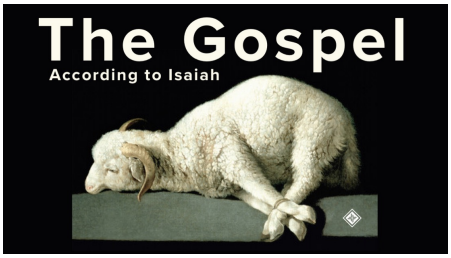
NEW LIFE CLASS

BRIDGING THE GAP

BETWEEN BIBLICAL LEARNING AND RADICAL LIVING



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Sent to the Nations! Part 2

Lesson 12 • Isaiah 49:5-6; 55:4-5; Acts 1:1-11

The GREAT INVITATION to SOUL-SATISFYING SALVATION - *Isaiah 55*		
1-3	***3***	***4-5***
SAVOR the FEAST!	**SURE to SATISFY!**	**SENT to the NATIONS!**

But Reaching the Nations Is Only **HALF** of the Suffering Servant's Two-fold Mission in Isaiah!
Isaiah 49:5-6

How Will His Mission to Restore Israel ***and*** Reach the Nations Be **FULFILLED**?
Acts 1:1-11

The Disciple's Question and the Risen King's Answer

1. The Disciple's Question Is Not Carnal but SPIRITUAL. *Acts 1:6*

"Lord, is now the time when you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

Four Facts About This Question

- This question is **CONTROVERSIAL**.
  - Is there a ***future*** for the nation of Israel in God's kingdom plan of redemption?
  - Does Jesus ***fulfill*** all of God's covenant promises ***in a way*** that permanently sets aside ethnic Israel?
  - Does the Church ***forever replace*** Israel as God's covenant people?
  - Is there a ***future restoration*** for the nation of Israel even though the Church presently enjoys Israel's covenant blessings in Christ?

- This question is **LOGICAL**.

  *"**So** when they gathered together"* NAS *"**Therefore**, when they gathered together"* NKJV

- This question is **BIBLICAL**.

  Luke 18:31-34; 24:25-27, 44-48 fits with the flow of Isaiah 53–55

- This question is **SPIRITUAL**.

How Do We Know This?

Luke 1–3; Luke 24; Acts 1; 3:17-26; 13:26-43; Romans 9–11

Why Spend So Much Time on This?

Because many who see **NO** future for the nation of Israel claim this question is misguided or wrong-headed.

Five Observations of the Question

"Lord…"

"is it at this time…"

"You are…"

"restoring the kingdom…"

"to Israel?"

2. The Risen King's Answer Is Not a Rejection but a <u>REDIRECTION</u>. *Acts 1:7-8*

The Risen King's Answer Is Twofold

- The Lord ***does not reject*** their question by **<u>REBUKING</u>** them. *(v. 7)*

This Is Not a Rejection of the Expectation but a Correction of the Timing.

1. The timing of coming ages is not for **<u>YOU</u>** to know.

2. The timing of coming ages is sovereignly **<u>FIXED</u>** by the Father alone.
   Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32

- The Lord ***does redirect*** them by **<u>REFOCUSING</u>** them on reaching the nations. *(v. 8)*

You asked the right question with the wrong focus at this present time!

You've Been Blessed to Be a Blessing to the Nations!

1. This is your mission as "My Servants": *Be My faithful witnesses to the end of the earth!*
   Isaiah 49:6; Acts 13:34, 46-48

2. This is your mission in the "Now/Not Yet": *Between My going up as King and My coming back with My Kingdom!*
   Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 28:18-20

3. This is your mission "until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" *and* "until the full number of the Gentiles has come in."
   Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25-29; cf. Daniel 9

Then at the Return of Christ When Israel Finally Repents and the Kingdom Is Fully Restored,
Times of Refreshing Will Come and the Redeemed Nation Will Also Be His Witnesses to the Gentile Nations!

Acts 3:17-26; Isaiah 43:6, 10-12; 44:1-5, 8

The Risen Lord Will Reach the Nations *and* Restore Israel

One day the Lord will restore the Kingdom to Israel but, in the meantime, His Church is sent to reach the nations!

☐ Be **FAITHFUL WITNESSES** in Christ to reach the unreached nations.

☐ Be **BOLD WITNESSES** by His Spirit for our Father is a Promise-Keeper to the Church *and* to Israel.

Family Worship Ideas from Today's Lesson

- **READ** together as a family Acts 1:1-11 and discuss what the Twelve apostles might have been thinking and feeling during those 40-days of Kingdom study with the risen King!
- **SING** or watch a music video together.

Remembrance	Hillsong https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APEQ8IsrY0c
Only a Holy God	City Alight https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jxn_fu6rdCU
Behold the Lamb of God	Andrew Peterson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFEK68ncZ7o
God So Loved the World	Hillsong https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG6yoghwa9A
May the Peoples Praise You	Gettys https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BrfkjHdKVI
Send Me Out	Fee https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8ZGQPW7OXg

- **REFLECT** on the reality that our God is a Promise Maker and a Promise Keeper. But sometimes He delays the keeping of His promises to His people so more people can be saved (like us Gentiles) and so the hearts of others will be prepared for their fulfillment (like the nation of Israel).
- **PRAY** together.