

What If...We Were Political?

“good news” or “the gospel”

- Six times the noun used in context of **conflict**
 - 2 Samuel 4:10; 18:20,22,25,27; 2 Kings 7:9
- Twelve times the verb (*to preach good news or evangelize*) used in context of **conflict**
 - 1 Samuel 31:9; 2 Samuel 4:10; 18:19,31; 1 Kings 1:42; 1 Chronicles 10:9; Psalm 40:9; 68:11; Nahum 1:15; Isaiah 40:9,9; 52:7,7

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“son of God”

- **angelic figures**
 - Genesis 6:2; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Psalm 82:6; Daniel 3:25
- **Israel**
 - Exodus 4:22-23; Deuteronomy 1:31; 14:1; 32:5-6; Jeremiah 31:9,20; Hosea 11:1
- **the king**
 - 2 Samuel 7:14; Psalm 2:7; 89:26-27

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“Christ” – anointed one

- **Mark 14:61** – are you the **Christ**, the son of the Blessed?
 - **Mark 15:2** – Are you the **King** of the Jews?
 - **Mark 15:32** – Let the **Christ**, the **King** of Israel, come down now...
 - **Luke 23:2** – We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that **he himself is Christ, a king**.
- **Acts 17:6-7** – 6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, **saying that there is another king, Jesus.**”

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Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near...

- **John the Baptist**
 - “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand...” – Matthew 3:2
- **Jesus**
 - From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” – Matthew 4:17
 - And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. – Matthew 4:23
- **Jesus’ disciples**
 - And proclaim as you (disciples) go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ – Matthew 10:7
- **The Church**
 - Acts 8:12; 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23

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A lack of attention to love & excuse-making for non-loving actions has led to a Church that is irrelevant & meaningless for most, and at times a burden & therefore optional for many in Her.

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How do you define love?

- I am God’s ambassador in your life, for your good, on His behalf, as long as I live.
 - Randy Gariss
- Love is giving others what they need the most, even when they deserve it the least.
 - Chip Ingram
- A commitment of the will to seek the best interest of others.