



## A NEW HUMANITY: WEEK 1

How many of you are excited for The Chosen season 3? For the first two seasons of The Chosen, our Church did a series that coincided with the show. They even released a Daily Devotional that we went through as a Church. I'm very excited for season 3, especially because they are going to be releasing the first two episodes in theaters! How many of you would go watch the premier of season 3 in theaters? Season 3 premieres on November 18, and while it doesn't perfectly coincide with the start of our new series (starting today), I believe it will be very complementary to everything we have been talking about, and will talk about in our new series. So watch The Chosen season 3 along with our weekend messages.

As I said, I am so excited because today we are kicking off a brand new series that is really a followup to the last. Last week we concluded our series, The Un-preached Gospel, where we talked about the central idea of Jesus' message, which surprisingly gets overlooked most of the time. We, as modern Christians, have made Jesus' gospel out to be a message of salvation but when you look at Jesus' life, ministry, and teachings, you see one theme emerge time and time again. Jesus came to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom.

In our last series, we defined exactly what the Bible means when it refers to God's 'Kingdom'. It isn't referring first and foremost to a people or a place but to God's reign. "Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done," means we want to see God's reign cover the earth as it is in heaven. We also learned about the mysterious nature of God's Kingdom. It isn't something that comes with a lot of fanfare and spectacle. In fact, it's very much like a mustard seed, which can be overlooked and appear seemingly insignificant. Many people will reject the Kingdom in this life but to those who discover it, it will be a priceless treasure. And the value of the Kingdom isn't just in some future promise but in the reality of knowing Jesus today. It isn't about the destination but the journey with Jesus in our everyday lives. This journey will require us to live differently than before and from those around us. God requires those in His Kingdom to be righteous. But this isn't a righteousness that comes from us, but rather, His Spirit working in us and transforming us from the inside out. In order to truly walk this out we need to count the cost and die to ourselves daily – not to work for our salvation but to work out our salvation, which we have through faith in the Son of God. This is the good news Jesus came to proclaim – the gospel of the Kingdom, and it is the good news we continue to proclaim until the day of His return.

**OG DISCUSSION QUESTION:** *What were the most significant things God highlighted to you in our last series?*