

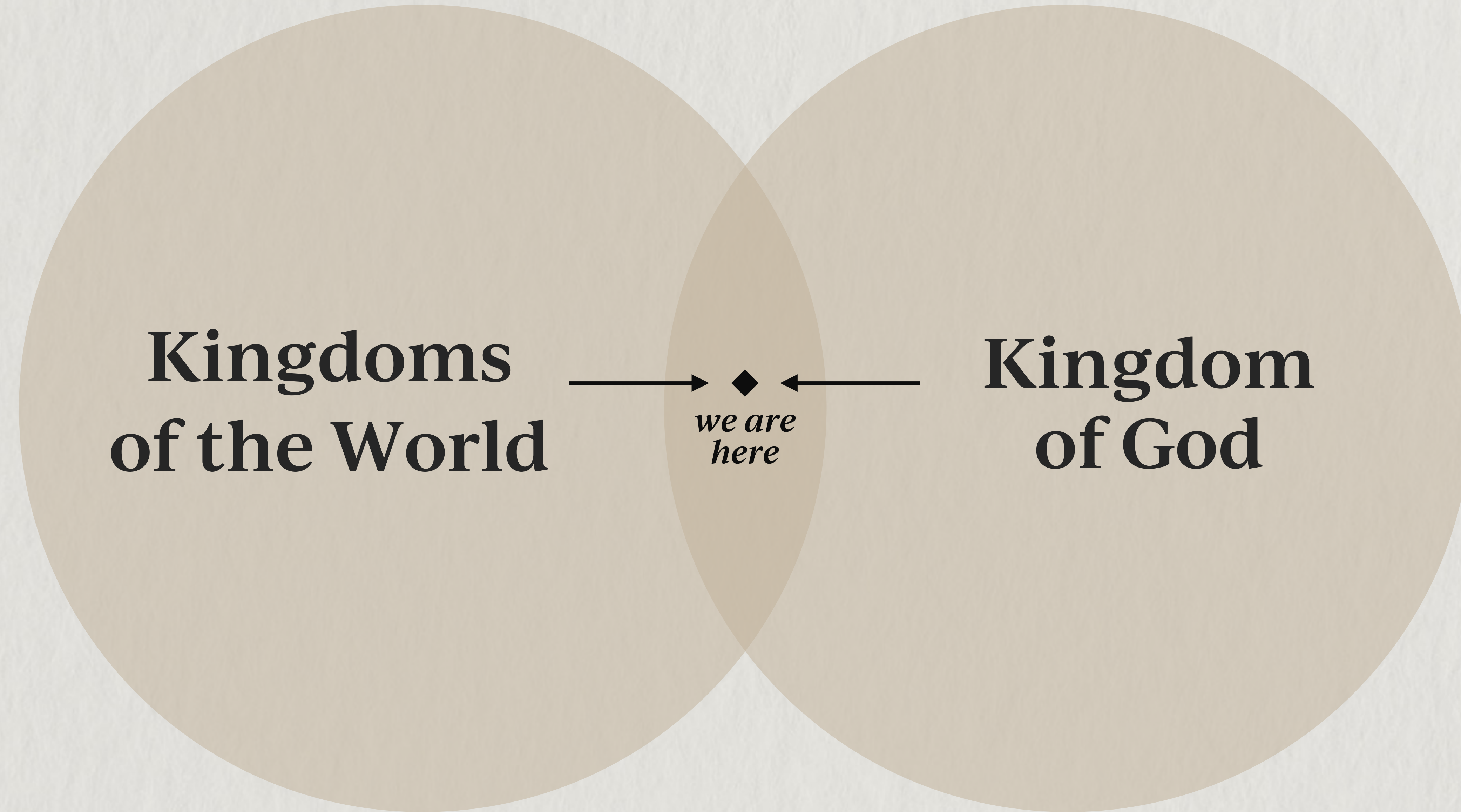
**11** THE KING'S  
COMMANDMENT

A STUDY OF  
**Mark**



# What does the kingdom of God look like?





# Jesus & the Kingdom of God

**He brought it** to earth (1:15)

**It belongs to** those like little children (10:14)

**It must be received** before it can be entered (10:15)

**Entering it is difficult,** especially for the rich (10:23-25)



**Mark 12:28** NIV

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, **“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”**



# Mosaic Law

**600+ commands**

- 365 negative
- 248 positive



# Mosaic Law

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**All mattered, but some were more important**

- You shall not murder
- When you build a house, make a parapet for your roof



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**Ongoing debate on the most important command**





# Jesus Answers

*The Shema - Deut. 6*

## Mark 12:29-30 NIV

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’<sup>30</sup> **Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”



# Jesus Answers

*The Shema - Deut. 6*

*Part 2 - Leviticus 19:18, 34*

Mark 12:31 <sup>NIV</sup>

“The second is this: ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’  
There is no commandment greater than these.”





# The Scribe

*Responds*

**Mark 12:32-33** NIV

“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”



**Mark 1:15** NIV

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**Mark 12:34** NIV

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, **“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”** And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.



# The Scribe

*Responds*  
*Missed Jesus*

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“Well said, teacher, *Messiah*” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but ~~him~~ *You*.<sup>33</sup> To love ~~him~~ *You* with all ~~your~~ *my* heart, with all ~~your~~ *my* understanding and with all ~~your~~ *my* strength, and to love ~~your~~ *my* neighbor as ~~yourself~~ *myself* is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

\*added for emphasis





**Law**



**Priest**



**Lamb**





**Love God & love your neighbor,  
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## Luke 23:38-43 <sup>NIV</sup>

There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. **But this man has done nothing wrong.**”

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into **your kingdom.**”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”



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