

Entrusted

Our Story begins in +67 AD

- Church is just over 30 years old.
- And the Apostle Paul is writing a letter
- To his younger Protégé named Timothy.

² Timothy 2:1–2 ¹ You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

...

² ... the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses

ENTRUST [Paratithemi – to place into the care or protection of someone] to **reliable** [Pestos – faithful, dependable, trustworthy] people who will also be **qualified** [Hikanos – Worthy, able, competent] to teach others.

People Diagram

1. Paul
2. Timothy
3. The things that you have heard me say
4. Entrust to reliable men
5. Who will also be qualified
6. To teach others.

What were the things that Timothy heard Paul say?

- What was the “message” that Paul passed onto Timothy.
- That Timothy had to place under the care and protection of ...
- Reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

Let's go back almost 40 years.

- Time is not roughly +30AD.

Mark 1:14–15 ¹⁴... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

Proclaim → Kēryssō [Kie-ree-s-o]

- To announce, make known or herald.

The heralds ran before the king's chariot to announce his coming.

- Heralds also were responsible for announcing the king's messages.

The Good News = The "Euangelion"

Mandela 100 Global Citizen Festival – 2 December (Logo)

Beyonce, Ed Sheeran, Pharrell Williams, Usher and ...

What was the Good news?

¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. [Something is approaching, something is about to happen?] “The kingdom of God is near [at hand] Repent and believe the good news!”

The time has come?

- For what?
- The kingdom of God. It is near. [or at hand]

What is the Kingdom of God

- Basileia [Ba-sie-lea] – Kingship, royal rule & power ... is at hand.
- It is busy breaking into our present time.

Therefore Repent [met-te-nou-way-o] and believe the Good News.

- His rule and reign is breaking in.

What does he mean by that?

Let's go all the way back to Genesis 1

- God creates the universe and the world.
- He then makes mankind in his image as a central part of his creation.

What is mankind's purpose in creation?

1. They were made in his image ...

- In order to reflect God's love, kindness, mercy and grace ...
- Into the world.

2. They were to bring God's order and rule to it.

3. Reflect the praises of creation back to God (worship)

In short, they were made to know, worship, love and serve the creator.

- And that is what it meant to be truly human.

All of this happened in Eden ...

- Where **God's space and man's space** were together.

Later on in Genesis 3– Man rebels ...

- And reject their calling of being image bearers.
- God banishes them from the garden ...
- And through that **separate man's space** from his space.
- And the world as a whole is put out of joint.

Things go from bad to worse Genesis 3-11

- The world is now filled with evil, corruption and death.
- What will God do, will he abandon his creation?
- Will he leave it as is?
- Or will he stay faithful to his intent for the whole of creation.
- Which is to bear his glory ^[splendour, beauty & majesty] into the universe.

The bible is clear. God is faithful and he will put things right.

- But not in the way that we would expect.

He calls out a single family through **Abraham**

- And enters into a loving, binding agreement with them.
- Where they are to be the bearers of his plan to rescue the whole world.

I am going to create a family in you and through you.

- Through whom the whole world will be blessed.
- **Isaac → Jacob → 12 sons → Nation of Israel**
- **Jerusalem temple → God's Presence → Light to the world**

They don't want to be a light.

- They want to worship idol.

God removes his presence.

- Babylonians come destroy their city and temple.
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During this time the people held onto scriptures like ...

- They have the call of Abraham and God's promised family.
- Isaiah 11
- 2 Samuel 7:14

Now let's fast forward again to +30 AD

What do these people have in the back of their minds?

- Most of the Jews of Jesus time believed that ...
- The world was divided into two ages.

There was the PRESENT AGE ...

- That was marked by poverty, oppression, suffering, injustice & miserly

And there was the AGE TO COME or God's New Age [Olam Haba – The World to Come.]

- Where God would put everything right by ...

1. Judging evil.

2. Rescuing his people from those who have enslaved them.

3. Restoring his temple

4. Returning to it.

5. And bringing about a new world of peace and justice.

6. Resurrecting the righteous of old into it.

7. Establishing his Promised family → light to the world.

So, for centuries up to this point in time ...

- The Jewish people begged God to bring about the new age.
- By bringing about his rule and reign on earth as it is in heaven.
- Through his promised family.

Mark 1:15 ¹⁵“The time has come,” Jesus said. “The kingdom of God is near. ^{at hand}

Repent and believe the good news!”

Olam Habah is about to be set into motion ...

- Through God's promised king.

This "Age to Come" is at hand. (image of the 2 circles touching then enter)

- The age to come, the new age is about to break into our world.
- The kingdom of God is at hand.

That which you have hoped for, waited for, longed for and prayed for ...

- Is at hand.
- Therefore Repent and believe the Good News

Repent → get your Life and Act together.

- Because God's space is about to enter your space.

His promised family ...

- Is about to be established through his promised king.
- Bringing about Olam Habah.

That is Mark 1:15

We usually on start reading from Mark 1:16

Most of us should know the heading of the text ???

What is the heading there? **The Calling of the 1st Disciples.**

- Disciple = Mathetes (Ma-thee-ties)
- One who engages in learning through instruction from another.
- A follower, pupil, learner or an apprentice.

What is Jesus about to do?

- He is about to start gathering people for God's Promised Family.
- (The people of the coming age)
- Through which Olam Habah will break into our world.

Mark 1:16–18 ¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Remember Paul's words – redo opening images with little men?

- The things that you have heard me say.
- Entrust (Pa-ra-tea-thee-me) – place under the care and protection of ...

- Reliable (Pestos) – Faithful, dependable, trustworthy men.
- Who will also be qualified ^[Hikanos – Worthy, able, competent, trained] to teach others.

What is Jesus doing?

- He is gathering men whom he will train to be faithful ...
- And qualified to teach others.

¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

Followed him to do what?

- To be his Ma-thee-ties, his pupils, his students.
- To be the people to whom he would model ...
- And teach the Kingdom way of life.

From there one he calls James, John, Matthew and many others.

Then in... Mark 3:13–14 ¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him.

¹⁴ He appointed twelve—designating them apostles ^[messengers, delegates, envoys, the sent-out people] — that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ...

Out of all his Ma-thee-ties he now chose a smaller group of 12 ma-thee-ties.

- Why 12?
- How many tribes of Israel were there? 12
- That would have been a sign to at least some of the Jews.
- That he was reassembling Israel.

He called out those that he wanted, that they might “Be with him.”

Be with him to do what?

- What was it that Jesus intended to do with these 12 men?
- He was going to Entrust to them the Kingdom way of Life.
- The life of the coming age ...
- That they would have to Pass onto others.

He would model, he would teach, he would train.

- He would encourage, he would love, he would care for.
- And show them what this God-glorifying life looks like.

- What this rule and reign of God would look like ...
- When embodied in a man.

And then he would send them out.

- Send them out to do what?

To Preach

- Kēryssō^[Kie-ree-s-o] – To announce, make known, proclaim aloud, herald.

To Preach^[Kie-ree-s-o] what?

- The kingdom way life.

What is the Kingdom way of life?

- Where one Ma-thee-ties would help another Ma-thee-ties.
- To show them what the rule and reign of God ...
- Would look like in a man.
- You as a disciple of Jesus being that man.

Jesus continues to walk with these guys day in and day out ...

- For 3 years, modeling, teaching, training, loving and caring for them.
- He is constantly with them.

The night before his betrayal he then gathers them ...

- For what is known as the Last Supper.

And at the last supper, he then explains to them the way forward ...

- For God's rule and reign on earth as it is in heaven.

Remember what God's purpose is?

- He wants to renew and restore creation.
- He wants to get heaven to earth.
- Maybe circles moving closer?

What does he need in order to do this?

- Image bearers. Ma-thee-ties.
- People that would show what the rule and reign of God looks like.
- People that serve as signpost to the Coming Age.

John 13:34–35³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Now, can you imagine sitting there being Peter?

- The flash back of memories.
 - You will Remember the 1st call to be his Ma-the-tees.
 - How he healed your mother in law.
 - (Not sure if he was happy or upset about that memory.)
 - How he changed your name from Simon to Peter.
 - From Simon (Snub-nosed) to Petros – ROCK!
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- How he enabled you to walk on water.

You remember his stern rebuke.

Matthew 16:23 ²³ “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

You remember ...

- The parables... all the teaching, all the training.
- Fishing together, singing together, helping people together.

There would have been a flood of memories.

- Of teaching, training, loving & caring.

Now Jesus is saying, “A new command I give you: [you guys that have been with me on this journey for three years] Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another ... ”

As unconditionally as I have given myself to you.

- To show you what the rule and reign of God looks like in the flesh.
- So, you guys must love one another.
- Show one another what that would look like.

³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples...

That you are my Ma-thee-ties.

- That you are my followers, pupils, students.
- That you have learned from me ...

...if you love one another.”

Remember Paul’s words... [Graphics with men]

2 Timothy 2:2 ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses ENTRUST ^[Paratithemi – to place into the care or protection of someone] to reliable ^[Pestos – faithful, dependable, trustworthy] men who will also be qualified ^[Hikanos – Worthy, able, competent] to teach others.

Doesn't it sound familiar?

Jesus continues to teach them many things that night.

- He promises them the coming of the Holy Spirit ^[Par-ra-klée-tos] ...
- That will assist them with this task of ...
- Bringing his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
- He prays with them and he prays for them.
- Then he gets arrested, flogged, spat upon and is crucified.

Three days later he is raised from the dead and it then it says in ...

Acts 1:3 ³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ^[Ba-sie-lea – Kingship, royal power or royal rule.]

What is he doing?

- He really wants to make sure that this message ...
- Of the rule and reign of God and what that looks like ...
- In and through his Promised family.
- Would be clear!

At the end of those 40 days, just before he ascends into heaven.

- He calls them together up on the mountain side.
- Just as God called Moses up to the Mountain.
- Just as he taught the beatitudes ^[the kingdom way of life] ...
- Up on the mountainside.

And he says to them ...

Matthew 28:18–20 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

In other words, I am now the Lord of the world.

¹⁹Therefore [because I am the Lord of the world] go and make disciples [Mathetes – followers, learners, pupils] of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

There we have it again.

- Remember how I have been with you ...
- And all the things that I have taught you.

How I have loved you, trained you, encouraged you.

- Cared for you, admonished you.
- Modeled the kingdom way of life for you.

Remember that?

- Now, I want you to go and do the same.
- I want you to go and make other Ma-thee-ties.
- Other followers, pupils, learners.

I want you to go and be with them as I have been with you.

- Teaching and training them the Kingdom way of life.
- Showing them God what God rule and reign ...
- Looks like on earth as it is in heaven.

Caring for them and loving them as I have loved you.

- Baptizing them in the name of the father, son and Holy Spirit.
- So that they too can become a part of God's kingdom people.
- By having their sins forgiven and entering into a life with Jesus.

But, that is not the End, it is merely the Beginning.

²⁰AND [and that is a big AND] teach them to OBEY EVERYTHING and surely I will be with you always to the very end of the age.

That is BIG!!!!

I think we too often stop at Baptism, don't we?

What do I mean by that?

- We pour everything into people before baptism.
- We teach them, we train them, we wine them, we dine them.
- We encourage them, we correct them, we remind them.

- We phone them, we follow up with them.
- We look out for them.
- We pray with them, we read with them.

Then we baptize them and then we LEAVE them.

- The “Great Commission”, wasn’t only to baptize the nations.
- But to teach the nations to obey!
- To continue to teach them to live a God-glorifying life.

There is an enormous difference between teaching ...

- And teaching to obey.

1. Image Speed limit sign (teaches you.)
2. Image of Speeding Camera (teaches you to obey)

After he had said these things he was taken up into heaven.

- And sat at the right hand of God.
- He was enthroned as the true Lord of the world.

And they were now left behind to carry on his mission.

- They were now Entrusted with this message of the kingdom life.
- To love one another.
- To model, to teach, to train, to encourage & to care for.
- To pass it on, to pay it forward.

How did they do, now that Jesus was Gone?

Acts 2

- Jews from every nation meets in Jerusalem for the Passover.
- Holy Spirit is Poured out on the 12.
- Peter preaches a Power-full Message.
- Calling People to Repent and become Ma-thee-ties of Jesus.
- And 3000 people got Baptized that Day.

But what kind of Life did they Live?

Acts 2:42–47 ⁴²They ^[the 3000 Ma-thee-ties] devoted themselves to the **apostles’ teaching** and to the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

What were the Apostles teachings?

- They were teaching them what they themselves have been taught.
- To love one another.
- Teach, train, care for and model the life of the age to come.
- To be with and then send out to preach the life of the age to come.

They also devoted themselves to the fellowship?

- What was that?

Fellowship = Koinonia (Kie-no-nia)

- To share in the Common Life.

Fellowship wasn't just casual conversation.

- What we do after the final song.

No, it meant to share the Common Life.

- The Common Life of what?
- To teach, to train, to model, to love, to care for.
- To be with.
- To teach to obey.

⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common.

The Kingdom of God, his rule and reign, his promised family.

- Was truly set into motion.

Here you had Jews from 17 different nations.

- Loving one another, caring for one another.
- Teaching one another & training one another.

These 1st century followers of Jesus

- Ends up so much like their teacher.
- That in Acts 11 people started calling them Christians.
- Because they were so much like their Christ, their Messiah.

We to have been Entrusted with this way of Life.

- We too are called to love one another.

- To teach, to train, to model, to be with.
- To have **Kie-no-nia**
- To Share the Common Life

MY EXPERIENCES

As Non-Christian

- Had someone teaching me and training me
- How to read, pray...
- Become a follower.

As Young Christian had someone teaching me...

- How to study the bible with someone.
- How to fellowship and not run after church.
- How to treat sisters on dates.
- How to Pray, read my bible (Thomson Chain)
- How to enter a room.
- How to treat my girlfriend.

As Young Family Group Leader

- Had someone teach me how to love, lead...

Young Minister

- Had someone teaching me the ministry...

As Dating Couple

- How to treat girlfriend and build her up.
- Outwards Focused

As Engaged Couple

- How to think about engagement time.
- How to think about wedding.

Young Married Couple

- How to Resolve Conflict, handle finances.
- ...

New Parent

- Got home and didn't know what to do with that little baby.

- Had people teaching and training...

Train, train, train – All of my life!

We all need some form of Teacher and/ or Trainer in our lives.

And we all need to Teach and Train someone else.

- We have all been Entrusted ...
- To Carry on this Way of Life
- One Ma-thee-ties of Jesus teaching and training ...
- Another Ma-thee-ties of Jesus.

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Let us Pass the Baton well.

- For we have all been Entrusted.