

The Marvelous Kingdom of God

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What was the theme of Jesus' teaching and ministry?

“Kingdom”: Used 125 times

The “Kingdom of God”: Used 55 times

The “Kingdom of Heaven”: Used 33 times

“Salvation”: Used 11 times

“Born again”: Used 2 times

“Repent” or “Repentance”: Used 19 times

Country/Nation/Kingdom

President/Prime Minister/
Dictator/King

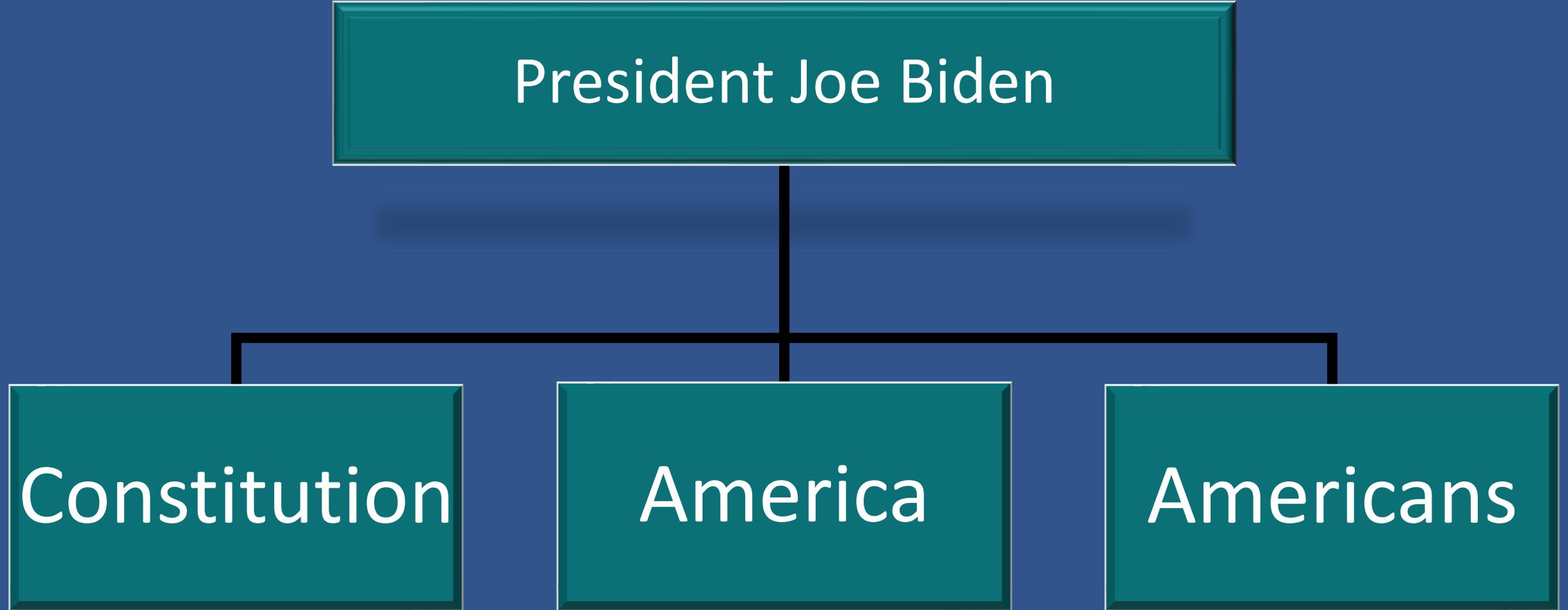
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Defining the Terms

Translation: A rendering from one language to another.
Conveys meaning (e.g. Eng/Spanish. One, uno. Two, dos)

Transliteration: To represent or spell in the characters of another Alphabet. Conveys sound (e.g. names: Jesus, Jesús, Jezi, Jezus)

Gospel: Good News

Christ: Not a name! The anointed One. The King.

God's Kingdom

King Jesus

Matthew
5,6,and 7

Throughout
the world.

Christians

Verses Proclaiming Jesus as King

Matthew 2:1-2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Luke 19: 37-38 ...the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest

John 18:37 Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Act 17:6-7 [They cried] “These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.”

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

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Ambassadors

Speaking with one voice to others on U.S. policy

Does this sound like unity?

Cooperating with the U.S. legislative and judicial branches so that U.S. foreign policy goals are advanced

Does this sound like advancing the Kingdom?

Serving Americans with professional excellence, the highest standards of ethical conduct, and diplomatic discretion

Does this sound like Christ like servanthood?

Taking direct responsibility for the security of the mission — including security from terrorism — and protecting all U.S. Government personnel on official duty

Does this sound like protecting each other rather than fighting each other?

Scenario 1: Breaking the Law

James 2:10-11 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

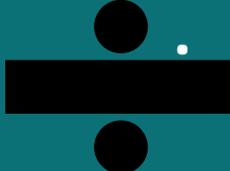
If we get stopped for speeding, we cannot justify ourselves in front of the police by saying, “I have kept the law in all other areas, you can’t judge or penalize me for this little offense.” That would be insane.

On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness. Matthew 7:22-23

Scenario 2: Civil War

President Lincoln

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"We are not far from each other now . . . this was a war that there never was the like of before Brother against Brother." Alex Campbell (letter to his wife)

"A house divided against itself cannot stand" President Lincoln

Key Takeaway: Chaos reigns when fellow citizens fight



Scenario 3: World War



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Supporting Verses

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Mat 5:43-47 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Rom 12:19 -20a Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;

Scenario 4: Voting

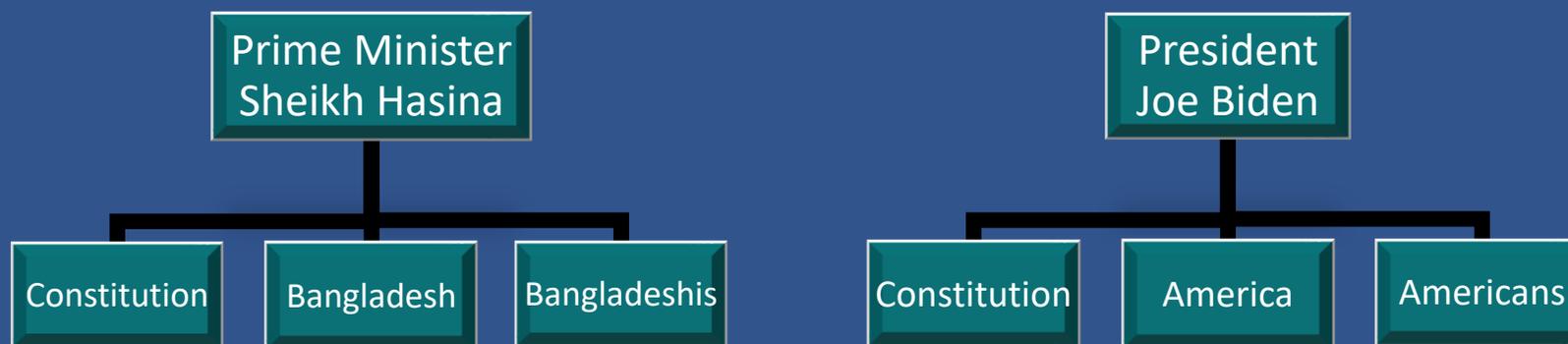
Ambassadors don't have a right to vote in the country they are serving, they only represent their country

Politics and voting divide Christians. There are Christians on all sides of an election that feel equally strong about voting for their party's leader because he/she has better policies.

Our primary allegiance is to the international people of Jesus rather than our personal national state

There is a conflict between the Commander in Chief and the Prince of Peace, Jesus. We can't "vote" for both

The next elected President will drop a bomb. Every President does that.



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- What was Jesus's theme

Repent/Repentance 19

Born again 2

Salvation 11

Kingdom 125

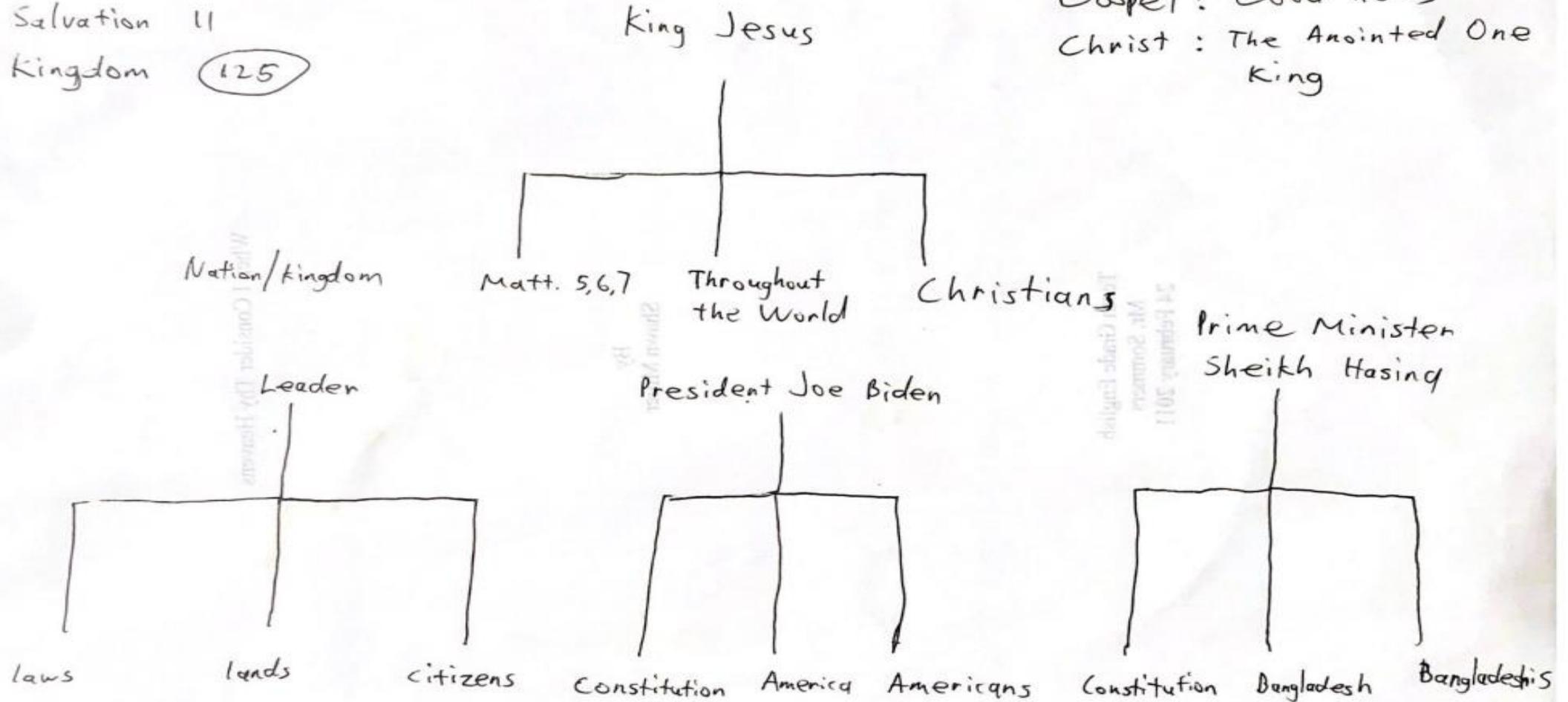
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The Demands of United States Citizenship

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

The Demands of Kingdom Christian Citizenship

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. Matthew 12:30, 10:37-39, Luke 14:33

God's Grace to Enter His Kingdom

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.