

Aspects of the *basileia tou theou* (= reign of God) in Luke

WHO'S IN/OUT

1. It belongs to the poor (6.20)
2. The least in it is greater than John the baptist (7.28)
3. Some "standing here" will see it before they "taste death" (9.27)
4. No one who "looks back" is fit for it (9.62)
5. It is God's pleasure to "give" it to Jesus' disciples (12.32)
6. The patriarchs and prophets will be in it (13.28)
7. People from all directions will eat in it (13.29)
8. It belongs to little children and those who become like them (18.16-17)
9. It is nearly impossible for those with wealth to enter (18.24)
10. God has "conferred" it on Jesus and he confers it on disciples, where they will sit on thrones in judgment of the tribes of Israel (22.29)
11. Joseph of Arimathea is waiting expectantly for it (23.51)

INDICATORS OF IT'S CLOSENESS/PRESENCE

1. It has "come near" in the witness of the disciples (10.9, 11)
2. It is not coming with "things that can be observed" (17.20)
3. It is *entos* (17.21)
4. It will not arrive suddenly with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (19.11-27)
5. Apocalyptic signs indicate its nearness (21.31)

OTHER ASPECTS

1. It has no end (1.33)
2. It has "mysteries" (8.10)
3. It is like yeast in the dough (13.20-21)