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Jesus' followers came to identify him as the one promised by God to bring about God's reign in the world.

His kingdom has the following characteristics. It is

- an eternal kingdom

‘He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end’(Luke 1:33).

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- a universal kingdom.

This is the point behind the story of the Magi in Matthew chapter two. It is also dramatised in the Pentecost scene in Acts chapter two.

‘All nations will come and worship before you,
for your judgments have been revealed’(Revelation 15:4).

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- a kingdom of justice and peace (see the beatitudes: Matthew 5:6-10)

‘Christ Jesus became for us wisdom from God, and
righteousness and sanctification and redemption’
(1Cor 1:30).

‘The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit’(Romans 14:17).

‘A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for
those who make peace’(James 3:18).

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- a kingdom of victory over oppression

‘When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder’(Luke 11:21-22).

‘They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will co

- a kingdom in favour of the poor

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven’(Matthew 5:3).

‘The Spirit of YHWH is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free’(Luke 4:18).

‘The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them’(Luke 7:22).

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- a kingdom of vindication and redemption

‘He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds’(Titus 2:14).

‘The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many’(Matthew 20:28).

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- a kingdom of one who lives

‘We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him’(Romans 6:9).

‘I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever’

(Revelation 1:18)

- a kingdom to be acknowledged by all

‘At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth’(Philippians 2:10).

‘Then I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth — to every nation and tribe and language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water”’ (Revelation 14:6-7).

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On the reign of God compare the following:

‘In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who is to judge the living and the dead,
and in view of his appearing and his kingdom,
I solemnly urge you’(2Timothy 4:1).

- the reign of God the Father

‘We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.’(Revelation 11:17)

‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah ...
Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!’
(Revelation 12:10,12)

‘Hallelujah! For YHWH our God the Almighty reigns.’
(Revelation 19:6)

- the reign of Jesus the Son of God

‘God has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead’(Acts 17:31).

‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever’
(Revelation 11:15).

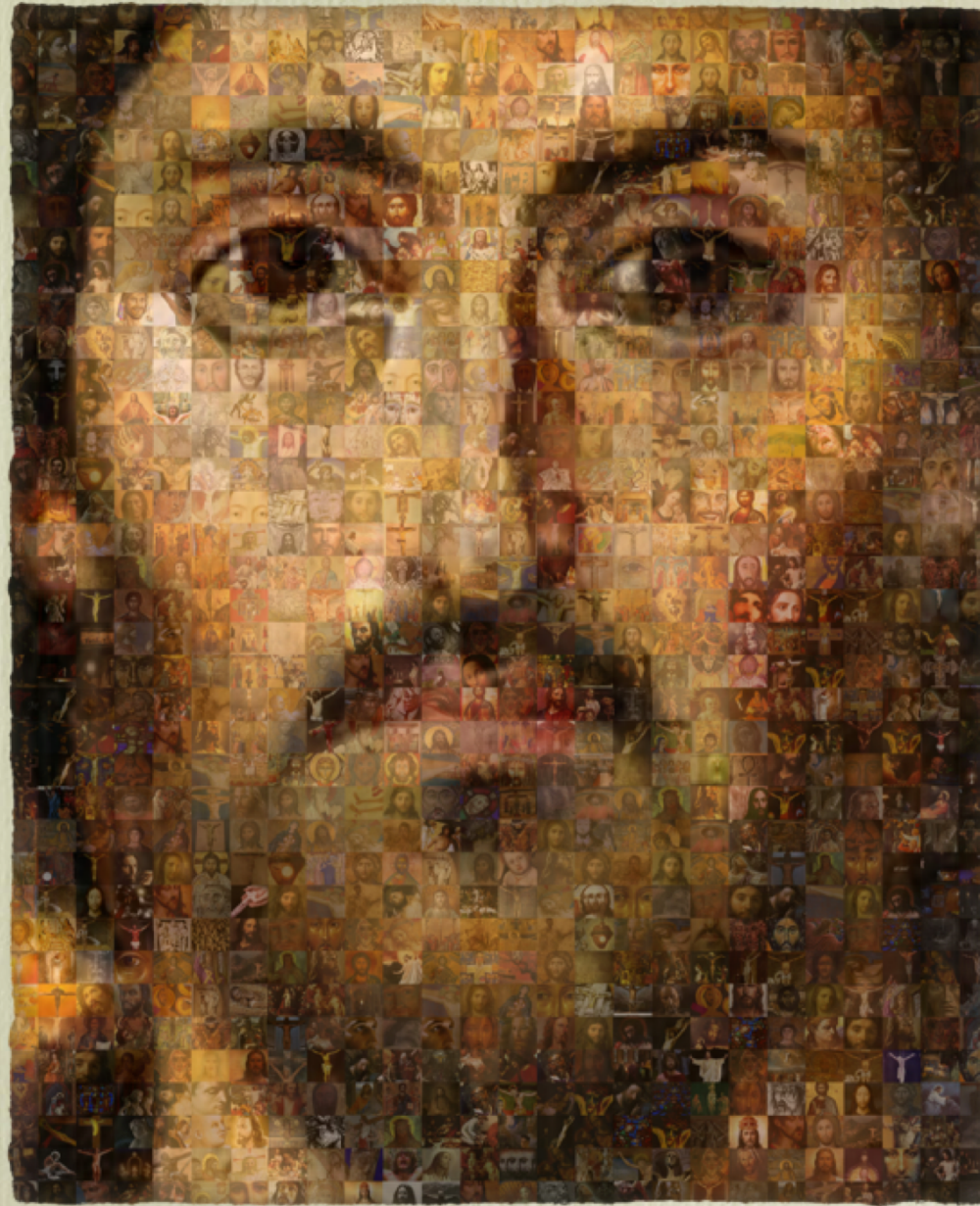
‘He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.’(1Corinthians 15:25)

- we are called to share in this reign.

‘You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth’(Revelation 5:10).

‘Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him a thousand years’(Revelation 20:6).

‘They will reign forever and ever’(Revelation 22:5).



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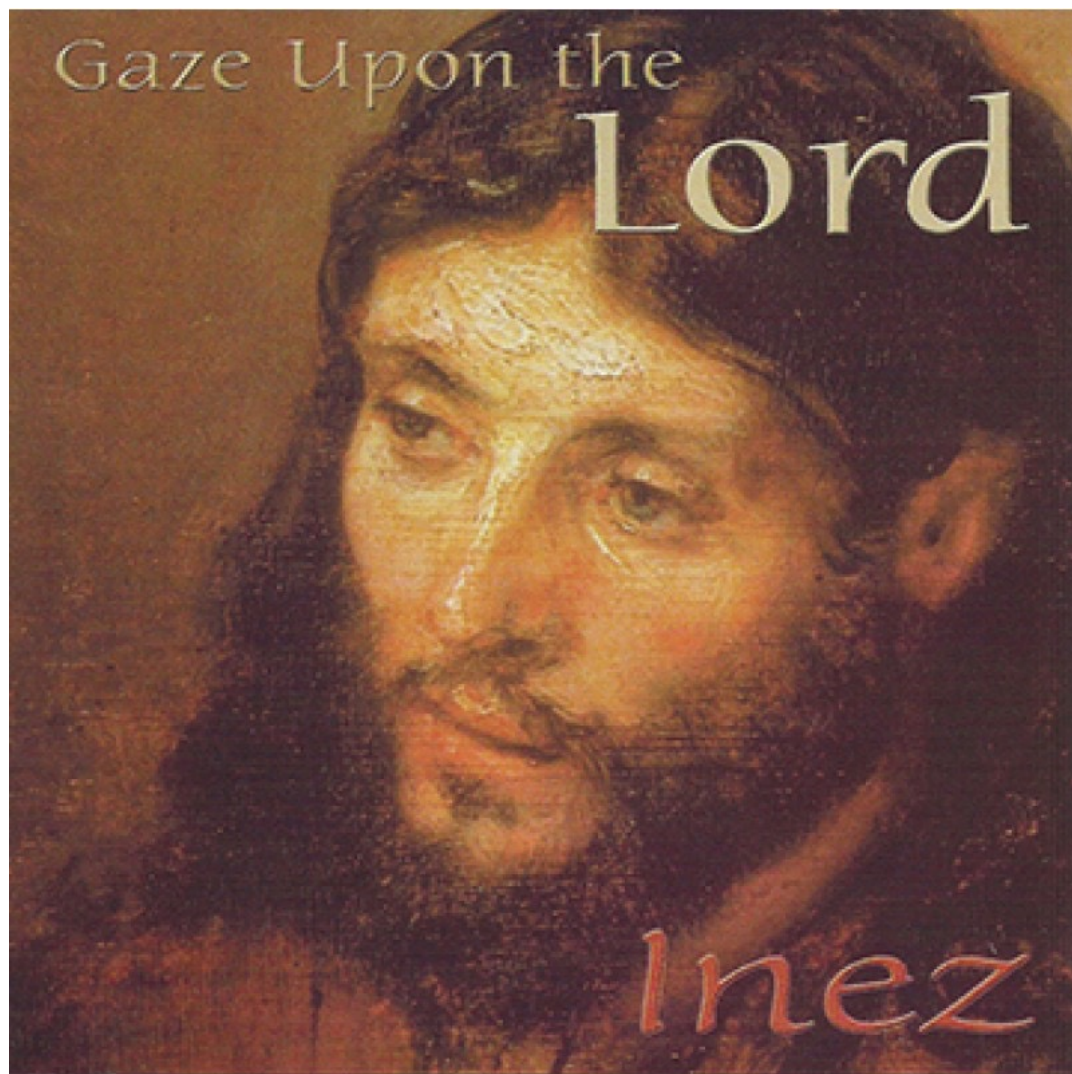


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