

SESSION 2: THE CRUX OF THIS GOSPEL

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. ([Matthew 24:14](#))

I. MOWING THE GRASS

- A. There's so much to break down in just one verse, it's worth going back over time and time again, like mowing the grass every Saturday morning
 - 1. THIS GOSPEL- what is the Gospel?
 - 2. OF THE KINGDOM- what is the Kingdom?
 - 3. WILL BE PROCLAIMED- how? Why?
 - 4. THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WOLRD- to what end?
 - 5. TO ALL NATIONS- to whom?
 - 6. AND THEN THE END WILL COME- Maranatha!

II. THE GOSPEL

- A. Gospel means "good news"
- B. The "good news" of the kingdom is "Maranatha"
- C. "Maranatha" means, "the Lord has come, the Lord is coming"
 - 1. We have the cross ([1 Corinthians](#))
 - 2. Jesus is the just and justifier ([Romans 5](#))
- D. Jesus is the one John looks upon in his vision about seeing one who is worthy to open the scroll ([Revelation 5:1-5](#))
 - 1. Jesus is The Lamb ([Genesis 22:8](#), [John 1:29](#), [Exodus 12](#))
- E. Jesus has come once to break the power of sin and death through the cross
 - 1. This is our Good News!
 - 2. Because of the cross, we can proclaim that He is coming again
 - 3. When He comes again, we can have confidence that He will rescue us
- F. In the meantime, He asks for our obedience