

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!” Mark 1:15 NLT

## lectio // Mark 1:14-15

Jesus does a preview a trailer for the Kingdom of God. What a huge announcement. It's like the OT is seasons 1-6, then the grand story of God just ends on a huge cliffhanger. Mary & Joseph are given premiere glimpses from the Angel about the birth of the Christ child, John grows up and begins telling people that season seven is coming, then Jesus at thirtyish, begins rolling out the trailers - **The Kingdom of God is NEAR! Season 7 will soon be released and the world waits in anticipation. What will God say and do? Season 7 reveals what God looks like! Humans get to look at God and not be atomized on the spot. We are well into like, season 10 of God's story now, but what a time that was to see, hear and know what God is like.**

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Dad,  
Our Bible study has been studying Thessalonians and talking about “end times” again. It is interesting and exciting. Many feel that it can't get any worse or that evil is at its highest. I disagree because I look at history and have seen much worse. They say that because our country feels “out-of-control” or at least out of our control and that there is such hatred, division and animosity. Again, America has been there before. What is interesting is that America has decided they can “fix” humans and “fix” the planet without you. Their “science” God and call to the “better human” inside all of us should be harmonious and accepting of all beliefs and behaviors, even religions (except for Christianity because it's so “narrow”). Babel is as Babel does! They just figure that amoral, pluralistic unity will solve everything. I'm happy they are trying because it will be an empty pursuit and many will find themselves lacking and searching once again. If we really wanted to rid the world of toxic plastics maybe we should start with our own facades!

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root