

PASSPORT, PLEASE

Message: *Jesus is our passport to God's kingdom*

Scripture: *Matt. 25:34*

Prop: *A passport*



Have you ever traveled to another country? What countries have you been to? Well, if you travel to another country, you need to have one of these. (*Show passport.*) Do you know what this is? It's a passport.

You can tell this one's mine because it has my picture in it. It has my name in it, too. And it has other information about me, like the date I was born and the state I was born in.

As I said, you need a passport if you're going to travel to another country. When you get to the border they'll say, "Passport, please." And if you don't have your passport, they won't let you in. If you want to go to Canada, you need a passport or they won't let you in. If you want to go to England, you need a passport or they won't let you in. If you want to go to China, you need a passport or they won't let you in.

So a passport is a nice thing to have because it can get you into lots of places. But there's one very special place that a passport won't get you in. A passport can't get you into God's kingdom. To get into God's kingdom, you need something else: you need Jesus. Jesus is our passport to the kingdom of God. Without Jesus, you can't get in. But Jesus gives us a special invitation. In Matthew, chapter 25, verse 34 he says, "Come, ye blessed of My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (KJV)

So if you want to go to China, better have your passport. But if you want to enter the Kingdom of God, you'd better have Jesus in your heart.

Let's pray: Heavenly Father, What a privilege and an honor it is that we're given an invitation to your kingdom. Please help us be prepared by always keeping your Son, Jesus, in our hearts. We thank you and praise you in his holy name. Amen.