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After becoming the promised servant of His Eternal Father by receiving John's baptism 'to give his life as a ransom for the many' (Mk.1:9-11; 10:45; Is.52:13 -53:12), Jesus, as the Son sent by His Eternal Father to give eternal life to all those who will believe in Him, proclaimed to all the people of the Remnant of Israel (Mk.1:15) that the kingdom of God promised by His Eternal Father to their fore-fathers in Babylon through His prophet Ezekiel was about to be established in all its truth and power: "Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among whom they have gone and I will gather them … and make them one nation and one king shall be king over them all…My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in My commandments and be careful to observe My statutes (Ez.37:21-24)." "I will remove from within you the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My commandments… and you shall be My people and I will be your God (Ez.26:26-27)." "I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them….I will set My sanctuary in their midst forever more. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God and they shall be My people. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst for ever more (Ez.37:26-28)." This is the kingdom that the Son our Lord Jesus Christ brought into existence in our world in Jerusalem on Pentecost day through His sacrificial death on the Cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead in His own Holy Spirit, and His bodily ascension to His Eternal Father in His own Holy Spirit to be definitively enthroned at His Eternal Father's right hand as His promised Lord, Christ and high priest according to the order of Melchisedek:

"Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a foot stool for you. The Lord sends forth from Zion your sceptre of power. Rule in the midst of all your enemies,,,You are a priest forever, a priest according to the order of Melchisedek (Ps.110:1-4)".

It is a visible kingdom because the keys of this kingdom and the power to bind and to loose was given by Christ to the Petrine office of His Apostolic ministry in the person of Peter. One enters this visible kingdom of God and of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by being born of water and the Holy Spirit in our Lord's sacrament of baptism in His one holy Catholic Church in order to obtain God's promised salvation of immortality and divine glory in Christ, by loving God with all one's mind, heart and soul and one's neighbour as oneself, by unrelentingly fulfilling one's baptismal promise to renounce Satan and all his empty promises of attaining happiness by fulfilling the three sinful needs (the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life) created by him for every man's personal life in his or her psychological self. The supernatural nature and dynamics of the internal life of this kingdom is bodied forth in the existence, internal life and works of mercy in the communities of the baptized in the length and breadth of this global ecclesial kingdom.

The citizens of this kingdom presently join in Christ's warfare against the kingdom of the Devil on earth and will join in the glory of Christ in heaven through a holy death at the end of their earthly pilgrimage of faith, hope and charity to Him and to His Eternal Father in their one Holy Spirit. This present kingdom of heaven on earth will become the everlasting kingdom of the Father on the day of Christ's Parousia when He will raise us from the dead to share the glory of His divine Sonship in our human bodies and hand us over the His eternal Father as His everlasting gift. And we express our longing for this day every time Christ exercises His high priesthood of the order of Melchisedek in the daily Mass in order to sanctify us and bear witness to the truth of the Father's promises as He had personally declared to Pilate.

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