



## Is Our View of the Gospel too Small?

### **1. Be Inspired by the faith, boldness & preaching of the New Testament Church**

- **The kingdom of God had come:**  
even though Rome still reigned over Israel
  
- **Jesus who was crucified is the Messiah:**  
though He did not conquer His enemies nor reclaim the temple
  
- **The resurrection of the dead had taken place:**  
even though Jesus was the only one risen & the new age had “not yet” arrived (already-but-not-yet)
  
- **Question (if Jesus didn’t rise from the dead):**  
Where did this gospel-centered view of the kingdom, Messiah & resurrection come from?

### **2. Be Prophetic from the Center**

*(adapted from NT Scholar D.A. Carson)*

- **Think deeply about the gospel:**  
& keep it central to who we are & what we do
  
- **Be holistic in our message:**  
& don’t overemphasize or avoid any issues
  
- **Be humble & repent:**  
while learning from those we are seeking to reach
  
- **Trust the gospel’s power:**  
& lovingly proclaim the supremacy of Christ