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Claus Petersen, born in 1952, studied Evangelical theology and afterwards became a scientific assistant at the institute for the Old Testament in Erlangen. From 1982 to 2017, he acted as priest to the Evangelical-Lutheran church in Bavaria. The via scientific bible exegesis rediscovered message of Jesus became more and more significant to him. His publications of essays as well as a monograph led to conflicts with Church executives. In 2002, Petersen founded the 'Ecumenical Initiative Realm of God – now!' <http://www.reich-gottes-jetzt.de>

By focusing only on those 21 words of the New Testament that most likely go actually back to Jesus of Nazareth, Claus Petersen unveils a whole new and highly topical image of Jesus' very own message. At the core of this message is the speech about the Realm of God.

For Jesus it is not located in heaven but is already here waiting to be grasped by humankind. Doing so enables us to live 'rightly' and to overcome the system of alienation and violence by acting according to a new attitude towards life. This, and this alone, was Jesus' cause – and it is just as topical today as it was 2,000 years ago.

- Rediscovering the basic message of Christianity
- The message of the Realm of God as provocation for today
- For readers of Franz Alt, Richard Rohr, Emmanuel Carrère