

King

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I Samuel 8; I Peter 2; Revelation 19

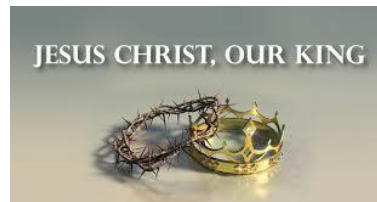
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We have been noting that Jesus is many things to us.

So far we've seen that Jesus is our:

- Advocate
- Righteousness

In our time together, we will see that Jesus is our King.



What is a king but someone who has a kingdom; a dominion. The term means "one who rules over a people."

Originally,

God was king over Israel. They needed no human government for God was their authority.

I Sam 8 The prophet Samuel was their judge and led them but in v.6; **v.6** *But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. v.7 The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.*

They wanted a human king so they would be like other nations.

Big mistake. God had called them out to be His sovereign nation but they would rather be like the other nations

Saul was elected because he was head and shoulders above every man and looked by sight, kingly.

It turned out that God took the kingdom from him and replaced him with David.

So since then, Israel has had a succession of kings, some good and some bad.

Fast forward 2,000 years. Jesus created a new nation; the Church!

Peter said of the Church:

I Pe 2:9 *But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION,*

(A set apart people for God)

A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

And this nation also has a king, the Lord Jesus Christ.

So let's see how Jesus is our King:

1. It was prophesied that Jesus would be King

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

That prophecy was fulfilled on what we call Palm Sunday; Jesus sent two disciples into town to fetch a donkey reserved for Him:

Mt 25:4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

v.5 "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'"

2. He will reign during the Millennial Kingdom - Is 11:1-16

v.4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

3. Gabriel told Mary her Son would be a King:

Lu 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

v.33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

4. He was rejected as King

Mk 15:12 Answering again, Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

v.13 They shouted back, "Crucify Him!"

5. He died as a King

Mt 27:37 And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

6. He will come again as a King

Rev 19:11-16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

v.12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

v.13 *He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*

v.14 *And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*

v.15 *From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.*

V.16 *And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."*

Therefore:

- Jesus' Kingship was prophesied in the O.T.
- Jesus Himself proclaimed His Kingship on Palm Sunday
- Pontius Pilate proclaimed His Kingship at His trial
- When He returns He will reign as King

But what about now?

7. His Kingship gives us hope

Through understanding the Kingship of Jesus Christ and His actual coming kingdom, it gives us hope for today.

We know and believe that things will not always be as they are. When the King comes, He will also bring His Kingdom.

This kingdom will be a Theocratic kingdom.

The government will consist of one Person and that Person will be perfect in all His ways.

8. The two kingdoms

Kingdom of God

Entered by spiritual birth. You become a spiritual citizen of God's Kingdom.

Jn 3:3 Jesus said; Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Kingdom of Heaven

You live in God's Heavenly Kingdom on the earth:

Mt 6:9 Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

v.10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

v.11 'Give us this day our daily bread.

Then Jesus goes on about forgiveness and temptations. All having to do with life on earth.

All earthly experiences.

In Mt 13 Jesus told a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven.

v.24 The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

v.25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.

The wheat and the tares grow together until the end of time and then the angels will come and separate them.

v.30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Point being:

Jesus is our reigning King in the future age.

He is our reigning King over our hearts in this age if we allow Him to reign.

We can live in an insurrection and rebel against Him.

Or we can live as grateful citizens and enjoy the benefits of His Kingship over our hearts.

We all have that choice to make.