

Jesus the King

Intro: Do we really want a King?

The King anticipated

- **A glimmer of hope - the serpent crusher**

'I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.'

Genesis 3:15

- **The need for a King is exposed**

'In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.'

Judges 21:25

- **The kind of King is revealed**

'The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outwards appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'

1 Samuel 16:7

- **The effect of the King is displayed**

'...the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went. So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people.'

2 Samuel 8:14-15

'Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were happy. Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.'

1 Kings 4:20-21

- **A better King is promised**

'I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will *establish* his kingdom...I will establish the throne of his kingdom [PAUSE] *for ever*. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son, and...my steadfast love *will not depart* from him.'

2 Samuel 7:12-15

'Every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore.'

Isaiah 9:5-7

'There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.'

Isaiah 11:1-5

The King fulfilled

'You shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Luke 1:31-33

- **Not a King on earth**

'Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

John 18:36

'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.'

Mark 10:45

- **Better than an earthly King**

- Victory

'He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them in Him.'

Colossians 2:15

- Reform
- Example
- Service

'though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.'

Philippians 2:6-7

- **Reigning over the whole earth**

'[God] raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.'

Ephesians 1:20-21

'Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.'

Philippians 2:11

'Jesus came and said to them, "*All authority* in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28:18-20

Responding to the King

a) Give thanks for King Jesus

b) Will you submit to His rule?

c) Will you seek to bring others to confess that Jesus is Lord?

'The word of God continued to increase.'

Acts 6:7 - see also 2:41; 4:31; 5:42; 8:4, 25; 12:24 etc.