

Jesus the King

The Reigning King

There are dual aspects to the kingship of Christ. One, Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords over all of creation. Second, Jesus is going to sit on the throne in Jerusalem and have a physical earthly reign.

Jesus is reigning as King of kings and Lord of lord over creation now.

Acts 17:5-8 (CSB): ⁵ *But the Jews became jealous, and they brought together some wicked men from the marketplace, formed a mob, and started a riot in the city. Attacking Jason's house, they searched for them to bring them out to the public assembly.* ⁶ *When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too, ⁷ and Jason has welcomed them. They are all acting contrary to Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king—Jesus."* ⁸ *The crowd and city officials who heard these things were upset.*

Here the disciples are clearly teaching that Jesus is King...even though He has returned to the Father.

John 18:33-38 (CSB): ³³ *Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"* ³⁴ *Jesus answered, "Are you asking this on your own, or have others told you about me?"* ³⁵ *"I'm not a Jew, am I?" Pilate replied. "Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"* ³⁶ *"My kingdom is not of this world," said Jesus. "If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I wouldn't be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."* ³⁷ *"You are a king then?" Pilate asked. "You say that I'm a king," Jesus replied. "I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."* ³⁸ *"What is truth?" said Pilate.*

In this passage Jesus explains that His kingdom is not of this world. Saying...He does have a current kingdom its' just not visible in the physical world.

Ephesians 1:20-22 (CSB): ²⁰ *He exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens—* ²¹ *far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given, not only in this age but also in the one to come.* ²² *And **he subjected everything under his feet** and appointed him as head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.*

Jesus has an appointment that is over and above every ruler, authority, power, dominion and title given.

Two great hopes we have in Christ reigning now as King of kings and Lord of lords:

- All who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13
- Nothing can separate us from the love of God that we have in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:38-39

Jesus is going to sit on the throne in Jerusalem and have a physical earthly reign.

John 6:14-15 (CSB): ¹⁴ *When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This truly is the Prophet who is to come into the world."* ¹⁵ *Therefore, when Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.*

Jesus was trying to run from being King, He was delaying His reign as King on earth until the proper time.

Revelation 20:4-6 (CSB): ⁴ *Then I saw thrones, and people seated on them who were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and who had not accepted the mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.* ⁵ *The rest of the dead*

did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Jesus is going to reign on earth for 1,000 years. Which many will say this is symbolism. I'd say, whenever Scripture repeats a specific number three times, it's probably significant.

Zechariah 14:1-5; 20-21 (CSB): Look, a day belonging to the Lord is coming when the plunder taken from you will be divided in your presence. ² I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem for battle. The city will be captured, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be removed from the city. ³ Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations as he fights on a day of battle. ⁴ On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. The Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, forming a huge valley, so that half the mountain will move to the north and half to the south. ⁵ You will flee by my mountain valley, for the valley of the mountains will extend to Azal. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come and all the holy ones with him.

²⁰ On that day, the words Holy to the Lord will be on the bells of the horses. The pots in the house of the Lord will be like the sprinkling basins before the altar. ²¹ Every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the Lord of Armies. All who sacrifice will come and use the pots to cook in. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of Armies.

Clearly, Zechariah is revealing to us that there will be a physical reign of Christ on earth. There is a day coming in which Christ will establish His kingdom on earth and He will rule with a rod of iron.

Two great hopes we have in, Jesus is going to sit on the throne in Jerusalem and have a physical earthly reign:

- Our blessed hope will be a visible hope. Titus 2:13
- The promises of God will be fulfilled.

The Rights of the King

As King, Jesus has all authority over His people. The King has called us to die to self and to live for His glory.

Matthew 16:24 (CSB): Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

Romans 11:36 (CSB): For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

It is clear. If you truly believe Jesus is King...then you will surrender ALL of your life to the will of the King. That's true individually and as a church. As a church we have been commanded to make disciples.

Matthew 28:17-18 (CSB):

¹⁶ The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We must ask ourselves:

- Have I surrendered my life to the King?
- Have we surrendered our local church body to the King?