



“Responding to the King: The Lord of My Life”
Christmas 2022

Introduction:

Christmas 1970 vs. Christmas 1971

- What would I have to do to become a follower of Jesus?
 - Where would He lead me?
 - What would I have to give up?

“Jesus, be the BOSS of my life.”

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King.”

I. The Holidays Are About Recognizing Jesus As Our King

- Matthew 2:1-2 – “at His birth the Magi asked King Herod where they could find Him who had been born King of the Jews.”
- John 1:19 – “early in Jesus’ public ministry, Nathaniel, one of His disciples, declared Him to be the King of Israel.”
- John 6:15 – “a crowd of disciples wanted to take Jesus by force and make Him their King before He was ready.”
- John 12:13 – “The crowds shout, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.”
- Luke 23:2 – “The Jews deliver Jesus over to Pontius Pilate: “We found this man...saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”
- John 18:33-37 – “Pilate asked Jesus the direct question: “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus responded: “My kingdom is not of this world.” Pilate declares: “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”
- John 19:15 - “Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”
- Matthew 27:37 – “on His cross they put a sign above His head “This is Jesus the King of the Jews”
- 1 Timothy 1:17 – “Jesus Christ is the King “eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God...”
- 1 Timothy 6:15 – “He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords...”
- Hebrew 7:2 – “He is the King of Righteousness and the King of Peace.”
- Revelation 1:5 – “...Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood...”
- Revelation 15:3 – “He is King of the nations!”
- Revelation 17:14 – “...the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.”
- Revelation 19:16 – “Jesus Christ is the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.”

II. The Holidays Are About Accepting Jesus As Our Truth

He came "...to bear witness to the truth." (John 18:37)

Who am I? Why am I here? What is my place in the universe? What is the purpose of my life? Where did I come from? Where am I going? How do I get there?

A. The Ultimate Question: What is truth?

John 18:37 "Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

John 18:38 Pilate said to Him "What is truth?"

Deuteronomy 4:29 "If you seek Me with all your heart you will find Me."

John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

Revelation 3:20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to Him, and will dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20)

B. The Truth Sets Us Free

- The truth – about how we are all sinners who fall short of God's glory.
- The truth – about the consequence of our sin being separation from God for eternity.
- The truth – about our need for a Savior who bore our sins on a cross and rose again from the grave.
- The truth – about the eternal life we receive when we respond to His call and trust in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation.
- The truth – that He is not just our Savior; He is our Lord and Master.
- The truth – that He came to set us free.
- The truth – that He is the King of Advent and wants to be the King of our hearts.

III. The Holidays Are About Telling the World

John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Our Declaration:

1 Timothy 1:17 "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

"Hallelujah! The Lord Jesus Christ is the King of My Heart."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTION ITEMS:

1. What is the difference between Jesus as Savior and Jesus as Lord
2. What one point from this message does the Holy Spirit want to impress upon you and call you to change?
3. Share your "salvation story" especially when Jesus truly became King of your heart (Lord of your life).