



JASON SMITH - OUR KING

Jesus is not just a humble servant—He is the returning King who will come in power and glory to reign forever.

Every false king will fall, and the only kingdom that will remain is His. This sermon calls us to examine who we've crowned in our hearts and challenges us to surrender fully to the True King today.

Scripture: Revelation 19:11–16

Key Verse: Revelation 19:16

Introduction

The King Will Return

Good morning, church...Let me begin with a bold truth that runs through the entire Bible: **There is only one King who will stand in the end.**

We live in a world filled with rulers, influencers, voices, and powers all competing for our allegiance.

We look to them for identity, for security, for purpose.

But the story of Scripture tells us where this all leads.

It tells us that *every false king will fall*. And it shows us the One who will remain: **Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

Not just a teacher.

Not just a healer.

Not just a Savior.

A King.

There has been many that have carried the title king:

- Alexander the Great
- Augustus
- Cyrus the Great (Founder of the Persian Empire)
- King Henry

Reality this morning, though, is that every king that has reigned on earth throughout history has seen their reign come to an end.

They had power, influence, and generational impact, but it was and is limited.

But friends, this morning:

The greatest king who ever lived—a King who will return in glory.

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Not just a Savior.

A King who will reign forever. So let's open Revelation 19 together and learn from John's vision to see what's coming.

No King but the True King

Revelation 19:11–16

1. The King Will Return in Power and Glory

Revelation 19:11–13

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in^[a] blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

John writes:

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True...” (v. 11)

This is not the Jesus of quiet manger scenes.

This is not the Jesus standing silently before Pilate.

This is **Jesus**, victorious, riding not on a donkey, but on a white horse—the symbol of divine warfare and triumph coming to reclaim what is His.

“His eyes are like blazing fire... He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God.” (vv. 12–13)

His robe is dipped in blood—His own blood—because He conquered not by violence, but by sacrifice.

He's called *Faithful and True*—because He has never broken a promise, never wavered in truth, never failed in love.

Paul echoes this truth in **Philippians 2:9–11**:

“Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

He came the first time in humility, and He will return in **glory**.

And when He comes, *thrones will crumble. Crowns will fall. Kings will bow.*

This reference in Rev refers to the second coming of the lord, but friends, there is a rapture that's coming as well, and we must be prepared.

The question is not **if** Jesus will return.

The question is: **Are you ready?**

Are you building your life on His truth or the world's lies?

Are you bowing now—or waiting until it's too late?

Because when the King returns, it won't be subtle. It won't be quiet.

People will weep and cry because it will be too late. And one day every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.

They can mock and reject now, but they will confess one day.

People mocked Noah until they heard the first raindrop, and people will mock the coming of Jesus until the trumpet sounds.

Me and brother Gerald Brown were talking in my office this past week about the coming of the Lord.

I mentioned to him about Jesus and his discussion that no man knows the day or hour.

Matthew 24:36-39

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,^[b] but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

The devil’s greatest lie isn’t that there is no God, but that there is no hurry.

Jesus speaks to us in scripture that when the return comes, people will find themselves living life as usual.

The enemy will somehow convince us that we have all the time in the world, but that isn’t realistic.

Friends, the world will ignore the trumpet, but the bride will hear it clearly, and we must be ready.

In 2025, our churches are filled with people who are falling away, and here’s the problem.

The tragedy is not that people do not know Jesus is coming, but that they live as though he never will.

2 Peter 3:3–4 – “In the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

They will say, ‘Where is this ‘coming’ He promised?’ Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

Our world is going crazy, people are falling in line with precisely what the bible said would happen before the coming of the lord.

We must be ready for OUR KING. And this is the thing:

Readiness for the coming of the Lord is not about knowing when but about living prepared every day.

It will be glorious.

2. Every False King Will Fall

Read: Revelation 19:14–16

John continues the vision:

“The armies of heaven were following him... and on His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” (vv. 14, 16)

This is a **cosmic declaration**. This is the victorious Jesus.
Not just *a* king.

Not just *one* lord among many.

The King. The Lord. The final authority.

And this means something very personal for us: **Every other king must fall.**

Daniel 2:44 prophesied this moment:

“The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed... it will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.”

That day is coming.

- Political powers? They’ll collapse.
- Cultural idols? They’ll be silenced.
- False religions? They’ll be exposed.
- Every self-made throne? Toppled.

But it’s not just kings “out there.” We crown kings **in here**—in our hearts.

Let’s name them:

- **Success** – promising worth but leaving us exhausted.
- **Comfort** – offering peace but stealing our purpose.
- **Wealth** – claiming to protect but never satisfying.
- **Fame, image, control, approval**—they all sit on little thrones we’ve built.

Transparency: There are things that I’ve crowned in my own life other than Jesus.

- People
- Things
- Materialism

But here’s the truth: **Jesus will not share His crown.**

There will only be one King left standing.

You can wait until He returns—when those false kings fall in judgment. Or you can let them fall now—through repentance and surrender.

We've got to humble ourselves and stare down the false kings in our lives.

We've got to be able to say, with confidence, **No king but the True King...** both now and forever more.

3. The True King Offers Us His Eternal Kingdom

Let's go back to the vision—Jesus is coming in glory. But His return is not just a final battle... it's a **gracious invitation**.

Colossians 1:13 says:

“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.”

His kingdom isn't just a future event—it's a **present reality**. It's not just something we wait for—it's something we can **live in today**.

The kingdom of God is both a NOW kingdom and a NOT YET kingdom.

Right now, you don't have to wait to choose your King. You don't have to wait to bow your knee. You can surrender **today**.

- You can stop chasing kings that demand everything and give nothing
- You can stop building kingdoms that are already falling.
- You can stop trusting thrones that won't stand.

And you can follow the **True King**:

- The King who knows your name.
- The King who gave His life.
- The King who is coming again—but who is also standing at the door **today**.

Revelation 3:20 – ***“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...”***

Will you open the door?

Will you let the lesser kings fall?

Will you bow now—willingly, joyfully, eternally?

Because whether we bow now in love or later in judgment—**every knee will bow**. It’s happening one way or another.

Conclusion: **No King but the True King**

Church, as we wrap up today I want you to hear this clearly:

Only one King will last.

Only one Kingdom will endure.

Only one throne will remain unshaken.

And His name is Jesus. He came in humility. He reigns in love. And He is returning in glory... So here’s the question we’ve all got to wrestle down:

Who will you bow to? Who will you give your life to? Who do you worship?

This is so important. This isn’t a game... We know that every lesser king will fall. Every false kingdom will collapse. But the King of kings will be the one standing in the end.

Let's choose today to follow Him. Let's dethrone whatever competes for His place in our hearts. Let's build our lives on His eternal kingdom.

This is the King who gives life.
This is the King who cannot fail.
This is the King who reigns forever.

No king but the True King.

Closing Prayer

*King Jesus, You alone are worthy.
We confess the false kings we've crowned in our lives.
We lay down our idols.
We surrender to Your rule.
Come reign in our hearts today.
No king but You. Amen.*