Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Jesus Christ: The Now and Future King (1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

Sermon Outline

Introduction - Whose house is it?
1. King by God's Appointment
2. King Over All Nations
3. King Over Your Life

Conclusion - How will you live in His house?

Scripture References

- Matthew 28:18 - "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."
- John 17:2 - "As You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him."
- Colossians 1:13 - "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."
- Psalm 110:1-2 - "The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.' The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!"
- Matthew 12:28 - "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you."
- Philippians 2:9 - "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name."
- Revelation 19:15-16 - "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Reflection Questions

- What words come to mind when you think of a king?
- On what basis does God the Father establish Jesus as King? (Heb 2:8-9)
- The saying goes, "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely." Why is Jesus exempt from that concern? (Heb 13:8)
- If Christ is King of kings, how must earthly governments be called to acknowledge Him? (Psalm 2:10-12)
- How does understanding Christ as King inform our understanding of evangelism? What are we inviting people to do? (Phil 2:10-11)
- What makes Jesus different from all worldly kings? (Mark 10:45)
- What areas of your life are you struggling to submit to the absolute authority of Jesus Christ as King?
- If Jesus Christ is King, how should that change our attitude toward worship?
- What comfort can you find in knowing that Christ as King is subduing all enemies under His feet, culminating in the destruction of death itself? (1 Cor 15:25-26)