

The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES
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The Incarnated King

Hebrews 2:14

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Jesus did not come only to forgive sinners. He came to take back the world. From Eden to Babel the nations drifted under dark powers. In Jesus, God stepped into our story. He faced the tempter, won at the cross, and began gathering the nations.

Think of Jesus as the new Adam and the seed of Abraham. Adam failed in a garden. Jesus stood firm in a desert. God promised Abraham that all families would be blessed through his line. That blessing arrives in Jesus and spreads to every nation.

REFUSING FALSE RULE

Matthew 4:8–10

8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” 10 “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” NLT

On a high mountain the devil offered Jesus quick power over the nations if He would bow. Jesus answered with Scripture. True rule would come by worshiping the Father alone. The test used a real choice, but Jesus chose faithful obedience over idolatry and shortcuts.

In the ancient Near East people knelt and kissed the hand to honor a ruler. Mountains were seen as meeting places of the gods and thrones of rule. The offer shows the nations had come under dark powers, yet Jesus refused a crown without a cross.

“Worship” in verse 9 is in a tense that shows it being expressed, “if you would worship.” This grammar shows a real test of loyalty in that moment. Jesus answers with a present imperative, “worship the Lord,” which calls for ongoing, steady devotion, not one-time compromise.

A student may cheat to win today, but lose the integrity of her soul tomorrow. Adam grasped what was forbidden. Jesus trusted the Father's way. The faithful path can look slow, yet it is the only path that keeps the heart whole.

Where are you tempted to take a shortcut instead of trusting the Father?

John 1:14

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. NLT

The eternal Word entered our world. He stood in our place, faced our enemy, and showed us the glory of a life that worships the Father alone.

DISARMING THE POWERS

Colossians 2:15

In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. NLT

At the cross God stripped the powers of their weapons and honor. He exposed them. The Word became human to fight as one of us. By His death and rising, Jesus began taking the nations back, one heart and one people at a time together.

In Rome a triumph was a public victory parade. The general rode first. Defeated rulers walked behind as captives. Paul says the cross was God's triumph. What looked like loss became a cosmic parade of victory. The dark powers lost their claim over those who belong to Christ.

"Triumphing" comes in a form that shows it is complete and decisive. God has already won in Christ. We now live out that finished victory in loyal obedience and bold witness.

Think of the parade after a championship. Banners wave. The opponent follows in defeat. The resurrection announced that Jesus is that Champion. As Abraham's seed, He now blesses the nations by freeing them from cruel masters and by forming one new family in Himself.

Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. NLT

God promised global blessing through Abraham's line. Jesus is that promised seed who carries blessing to every people group.

Hebrews 2:14

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. NLT

The Son took our nature so He could die our death and break the devil's hold. The cross is the place where the chains fell.

Since Jesus has already shamed the powers, what bold step of obedience will you take this week?

Conclusion

Jesus Christ, the incarnate King, refused false rule, won true victory at the cross, and now gathers the nations to Himself. As the new Adam He restores what was lost. As Abraham's seed He blesses every family. Let us worship only the Lord and walk in His triumph.