



## Christ the King

### Old Testament Fulfillment

Genesis 49:10 says, “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”

Numbers 24:17-18:

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. Edom shall be dispossessed; Seir also, his enemies, shall be dispossessed. Israel is doing valiantly.

Micah 5:2:

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

2 Samuel 7:16 also saying that this ruler will come from the line of David

Jesus himself acknowledged his kingship to Pilate in John 18:37.

### The nature of Jesus' kingship

First, in Matthew 2:2 Jesus is referred to as the King of the Jews. Jesus is king over his covenant people.

Second, Psalm 89:27 calls Jesus “the highest of the kings of the earth.”

### The Coronation of Jesus

Latin word *coronare* means “to crown or adorn with a garland.”

Acts 2:36: “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Daniel 7:13-14. It reads,

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and



glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

## Christ the Lord

The difference between King and Lord is that of position and that of authority.

### The nature and scope of Jesus' authority

First, Jesus is Lord of all those who call him. Romans 10:12 says, "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him."

Second, Jesus is Lord of lords. Revelation 17:14 says, "They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." Colossians 2:10 says, "and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority."

Third, Jesus is the Lord of glory. 1 Corinthians 2:8, "None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." The nature of Jesus' authority is that of glory—weighty, majestic, full of beauty and holiness.

Finally, Jesus is Lord of both the dead and the living. Romans 14:9 says, "or to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living."

Ephesians 2:20-23:

that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Christ the Judge

First, this is an essential part of the gospel. Romans 2:16 says, "on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus."

Second, Jesus is divinely appointed. John 5:22-27,

For the Father judges no one, **but has given all judgment to the Son**, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. **He does not come into judgment**, but has passed from death to life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. **And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.**



Acts 17:31— “because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness **by a man whom he has appointed**; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Third, Jesus is the holy, righteous, and omnipotent judge. Peter said in Acts 3:14, “But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you.”

Revelation 2:23, “And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.”

1 Corinthians 4:5: “Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.”

### Descriptions of the future judgement

First, it is certain. Romans 14:10: “Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.”

Second, it is near. James warns of this in James 5:9: “Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.”

Third, it will be glorious. Matthew 16:27 says, “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.”

Fourth, there will be a great separation. Jesus says in Matthew 13:49-50, “So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

### Discussion Questions

1. Open your Bibles to Psalm 2:1-6. What does this Psalm teach us about the world and the Kingship of Christ? How does Jesus respond to the threats and councils of His rebellious kings?
2. Open your bibles to Romans 10:9-10. Is Jesus being your Lord optional? What does it mean for Jesus to be your Lord?
3. Open your Bibles to 2 Peter 3:4-10. What does Peter teach us about the world’s perspective on judgment day and God’s patience?
4. How can Jesus’ three-fold role of King, Lord, and Judge be incorporated into our gospel sharing?