

## 10 Looks: Look 8 – King (1 Dec 2024)



When I was young, I used to think – Oh – if only I was born royal.

Crowns, money, servants, ruling a country. It seemed so cool.

As I got older – I thought – wow – I am **so** thankful I was **not** born royal.

No privacy, constant paparazzi and judging everything you do. You can't just get up and go for a pizza or a movie – you give up your life and have no real power.

Then I became a Christian and realised – wait – actually – I am a king – I do rule – and I have a task that is far more important than any worldly king.

We are in a series based on a quote from *Robert Murray McCheyne*:



**For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ.**

Looking at Christ humbles the mind, magnifies the mind and feeds the soul.

It is the greatest exercise we can undertake.

This morning, the **eighth** look at Jesus I want us to meditate on is that **Christ glorifies the Father as:**



## King

Here is what I want you to understand this morning:



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In a sense this statement sums up the entire Bible and the entire history of our world.

In a very real sense even touching on the kingship of Jesus requires a series of ten or more sermons.

I can but give you a taste this morning.

The first thing – we need to ask is – **what is a King?**

Biblically, a king was one who possessed authority over a realm.

But, Scripture seems to recognise at least two different types of kings.

There are **great** Kings *and* for want of a better term – **lesser** kings.

Maybe we could think of Capital **K** Kings and lower-case **k** kings.

In the Bible, there were the great Kings of powerful nations who defeated other nations and their kings – but instead of killing those lesser kings – they allowed them to continue reigning over their realm – but under the authority and rule of the great Kings.

There is a term that was used to describe these great kings – the ones with real power – **King of kings**.

For example, it is used in the Bible of the Persian King Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:12) and the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 2:37).

Kings who had other kings under them.

However, the Bible is also clear – even the greatest earthly King – only ruled an empire. A part of the earth, a small part of the universe. In reality they are but small kings.

There is only One who is truly King of kings – Jesus.

Jesus as King and His kingdom are one of the main themes of the Bible.

For example, kingdom is mentioned 126 times in the Gospels alone let alone all the times He is spoken of as King.

Jesus is presented throughout the Bible as the great King over the heavens and earth – the King of all kings.

So, let us think through – **King Jesus**.

The Bible describes Him as One who exists before creation as:



## **The God King**

There has been much argument about when Jesus became King.

At creation, at His birth, at His crucifixion, at His ascension – at His Second Coming.

Or there is the view of the JW's that Jesus only became King in 1914. Go figure.

No – it is not that Jesus *becomes* King – He **is** King – He has always been the sovereign ruler of all.

But His Kingship was only expressed through the creation – and affirmed through His death, resurrection and ascension and will be universally recognised at His return.

The King showed His power and formed His created realm. Genesis 1:1:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Or as John's Gospel begins.

John 1:1–3:

In the beginning .... **All things were created through the Word**, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

In the beginning – before creation – there was the Word – who we are told is Jesus who is God.

And this Word – created everything that there is.

Heaven, earth, angelic beings, man, animals – everything.

He created it – He sustains it – He rules it – so He **is** King over everything.

This is crucial to grasp.

Jesus didn't become King – He **is** King.

Colossians 1:16:

For **everything** was created by [the Son], in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created **through** him and **for** him.

Jesus is King of heaven and earth. All authority and power over the creation is rightfully His.

There is no molecule or atom or spiritual being that exists outside His sovereign rule. He sustains every part of His universe – directs it – and rules it.

And in His wisdom, Jesus created mankind.

And incredibly, He chose to give a stewardship, a dominion to those created in His image. Genesis 1:26–28:

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth,

and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” ... God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule ...

Adam was created to rule – so he is a king – but a small k kind of king – a vice-regent, an under-king – a steward-king.

For my fellow Lord of the Rings fans – I know you are out there – think of the Steward of Gondor – ruling as steward in place of the true King.

So yes – we were created as kings.

This has so many implications. Let me mention just two.

**First.** Brothers and sisters – as God’s vice regents – we are special.

Evolution and woke ideology have said a fish is a frog is a bird is a monkey is a man.

I suspect you saw the whole blow up over Thanksgiving in the States this year – animal activists screaming that turkeys are people too – so don’t eat them.

They say there is nothing special about you except chance and good luck led you to have a bigger brain and an opposable thumb – and you used that to dominate the world – including the turkey-people.

No! God made us in His image and entrusted the stewardship of this world to us – men and women.

Now, that doesn’t mean we can mistreat the creation. We do have to exercise a loving and wise stewardship.

But, I am sorry, but it is very biblical to exercise your dominion over the turkeys at Christmas or Thanksgiving.

**Second.** Brothers and sisters – we are kings but little k-kings.

Our authority and our mandate comes from the great King.

He told us to rule this world wisely. Fill it. Subdue it.

Today, as I look back to Eden, it is hard for me to imagine how blessed this gift of kingship given to Adam was.

The difference between a turkey and you is immense.

The difference between you and God is **infinite**.

Adam had no right to exist let alone have the blessing of stewardship and fellowship.

Yet, in His grace and mercy Jesus granted Adam the gift of life, a beautiful pristine world, Eve, stewardship of the garden – and a relationship with the Lord.

He had everything. He was Adam – king of Creation who served the eternal God King.  
**Until** *everything* changed.



As unthinkable as it is – the reality is that the God King became:

### **The Rejected King**

Of every truth in the Bible – I find this perhaps the hardest to grasp.

How could sin possibly enter His kingdom? How could anyone who understands the truth reject Jesus as King?

And when they did – why did the great King not wipe them out instantly?

There is much mystery about the origins of sin.

We are merely told sin did enter and corrupt the creation – not how or why.

We believe Satan was an angelic being. We believe he was created good and fell.

**When** was Satan created?

It seems before the creation of this world. In Job 38:7 we are told that the morning stars and the sons of God sang for joy when God created this world.

So, did he fall before the creation of the world or after? We simply don't know.

**How** could he fall? How could a created being so powerful who walks the heavens ever become corrupted?

Again, we simply don't know. It is one of the great debates that will have to wait until glory for a conclusive answer.

Certain passages make us think pride and a desire to be like God could be at the root.

All we know for certain is that he is a created being who opposed God.

Job 1 tells us he had access to the heavens where God dwells but he also had access to the earth.

And in Genesis 3 – he used that access to bring corruption to our world.

Adam succumbed to that temptation and disobeyed God.

I read Genesis 3 and wonder – how? – why? – it makes no sense.

The great King gave Adam everything. He lacked for nothing.

Then some talking snake slithers in and sows doubt – and Adam says sure I will believe you and reject my King?

I understand why I rejected God – but how could Adam – created good – who walked with the King – ever reject the gracious, loving perfect rule of Jesus?

Honestly, it is a mystery to me. It just shows the absolute power of temptation.

The closest I can get is to realise that at the heart of Adam's rejection was a desire to be like God.

In a sense Adam looked at the One who had given him everything – made him, loved him placed him as king – and said – despite all of that – I don't want You as my King.

I don't want Your loving rule. I want to be ultimate King. I want that crown. I want to be like God.

King me!

And here we come to the heart of all sin.

Me over Jesus.

My rule be done.

My decisions, my pleasures, my ways be done.

And so – sin, corruption and death entered our world.

And every last one of us has walked in the steps of Adam and rejected the rule of Jesus over us.

Stop for a moment. The Bible tells us this – but everything about this idea of corruption entering the kingdom of Jesus – the King being rejected – should grab our attention.

Could Jesus not have created a kingdom without Satan – thus no sin and death – where every angel and man honoured Him and lived in submission to His gracious rule for all eternity?

Of course He could have.

So why didn't He? That is a harder question.

Why create a kingdom that includes Satan where sin can and will corrupt everything?

The Bible doesn't come right out and say why.

But piecing the various texts together it seems that without sin – some aspects of the King's love and power would never be expressed – and He would not be glorified for them throughout eternity.

And so, God in His infinite wisdom created a kingdom that would be corrupted and then redeemed by Jesus – as this is what will bring Him the most glory for all eternity.

And another jarring question.

Why is it that a created being – Satan or Adam – sinning in the realm of King Jesus – why the microsecond this rejection occurred were they not destroyed?

If Satan did fall – why wasn't he immediately incinerated?

When Adam and Eve fell – why not wipe them and the whole blighted creation from existence?

Again, the only answers are that God in His wisdom allowed sin – so that His grace in redemption would display His glory throughout eternity.

Passages like Revelation 4 and 5 seem to make this argument. We will worship Jesus the Creator and Redeemer forever.

**But** – and this is crucial – the corruption in the kingdom – the rejection of Jesus as King – in no way denies any of the absolute power, majesty and sovereignty of Jesus over the entire creation.

He was, is and always will be King.

Abraham Kuyper is exactly right when he said this:

There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!

Jesus could remove corruption at any moment – but for the glory of God He allows it – for a time.

And so, the reality is that for His good purposes and the result was a creation that is now in rebellion.

Jesus is rejected as King.



We know this was no surprise to Jesus nor outside of His will. It was part of the plan from before the foundation of the world.

It is simply that Jesus uses this rejection and sin to work all things together for good.

For example, in Acts 2 Peter says evil nailed Jesus to the cross – but God used that to work ultimate good.

So let me sum this up. Frankly, I don't understand how Satan became corrupted.

Nor do I grasp how Adam could rebel against God.

But, they did.

In fact, once I understood who Jesus is – I struggled with how I could have been so blind to reject Him.

The reality is that despite Jesus being the great King of all – there is widespread resistance to His rule in the kingdom.

In heaven a portion of the angels – Satan and his demons rejected Jesus. And on earth – every last man and woman created in His image – rejected Jesus as King.

Genesis 6:5:

The Lord saw that human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time.

The whole sorry state is summed up in 1 Samuel 8:7:

But the Lord told Samuel ... they have rejected me as their king.

I can imagine Israel rejecting Ahab as King.

I can even imagine them fining our about David's adultery and saying – not our king.

But rejecting God as King?

Then we have to ask – what does a rebellious kingdom that rejects Jesus as their King look like?

You read Job 1 and Satan is free to roam the earth but also to appear in heaven before the Lord.

He used this liberty to corrupt Adam and this world.

The heavenly rebellion of Satan seemed to peak at the birth of Jesus.

In Revelation 12, we have imagery of the birth of Jesus. Satan tries to kill this newborn child – who will rule all nations with an iron rod. Satan fails.

The child is eventually caught up to heaven and to the throne of God.

Satan cannot stop the life, ministry, death, resurrection and finally ascension of Jesus.

**But** the coming of Jesus seems to trigger a war in the heavens.

Revelation 12:7–9:

Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, but he could not prevail, **and there was no place for them in heaven any longer**. So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

Heaven will not tolerate this kind of open rebellion.

Satan and his demons are now cast down to only roam on the earth – thank you!

And verse 17 says they spend all their fury waging war against the church.

And here on earth things have always been bad.

Heaven still had the holy angels. But Psalm 14:2–3 says:

The Lord looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. ... **There is no one who does good, not even one.**

We are a corrupt race who rejected Jesus as King and the consequences are a fallen world with plagues, volcanoes, cyclones, famines – fallen nations – war, murder, discord – and fallen bodies – illness and death.

A corrupted kingdom with billions of corrupted wannabe kings.

And we are so twisted we prefer the consequences of the fall to the idea of bowing the knee to Jesus as King.

When my friends began to share the gospel with me – I think I knew it was true after a couple of months.

It took far longer to bow the knee.

I wanted eternal life – I did not want to give up the rule of my life.

I enjoyed my sin.

I wanted to decide right and wrong.

I was not interested in dedicating my life to the plan of Jesus.

I had my own plans for life.

Basically, left to our own devices – not one of us would ever bow the knee to Jesus.

God knows this. The King acted.

Now, don't think that 2000 years ago Jesus finally said – enough – they are not going to save themselves – I have to go.

No! The plan was **always** for the King to humble himself. Leave heaven and come to this blighted world to save His people.

King Jesus was always:



## The Promised King

From the moment Adam rejected Jesus as King – God promised the King would come.

Genesis 3:15 – The King will come and strike Satan.

This promise of the coming King is one of the great themes of the Old Testament. There are too many passages to look at.

But consider these.

In Genesis 17:5–6 God calls Abraham and says:

I will make you the father of many nations ... kings will come from you.

But then the Bible begins to talk about one particular Seed – one King – who comes from the line of Abraham.

Genesis 49:10:

The scepter will not depart from Judah or the staff from between his feet until he whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to him.

Isaiah 9:6:

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

This was the hope of Israel.

And then – in the fullness of time – He came. **But** ... He was **not** at all what they expected. He was:



### The Unexpected King

On one level you say – how could He be unexpected?

So many of the great feasts and ceremonies were designed to look forward to His coming.

Here is the issue. If you asked a first-century Jew for an adjective to describe this coming King.

They might say – **Davidic** King.

Ezekiel 37:24:

My servant David will be king over them.

Or maybe – **Warrior** King.

Psalm 2:7–9:

“You are my Son; ... I will make the nations your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with an iron scepter; you will shatter them like pottery.”

Psalm 110:1–2:

I will make your enemies your footstool.” The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion. Rule over your surrounding enemies.

Or **Judge** King.

Jeremiah 23:5:

“I will raise up a Righteous Branch for David. He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land.”

Or **Heavenly** King.

Daniel 7:13–14:

One like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. ... He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom ... and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

They expected this kind of King to come with the full authority of heaven. He will assert His authority over every disobedient force and establish a kingdom that will never again see rebellion.

The Jews were waiting for a warrior leading an army who would smite Rome and raise them from a subjugated nation to ruling the world.

David never lost a battle.

David made Israel the greatest force on the planet.

David made Israel great.

They were looking for one *greater* than David – one who would *Make Israel Great Forever*.

**Then** one day an angel appeared to a girl. Luke 1:31–33:

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.

Awesome! He is coming.

Nine months later the skies lit up.

The angel of the Lord boomed:

I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:10–11)

Awesome! He has arrived.

**But** then that angel added:

This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)

Say what? That has to raise questions.

Turns out He is a **Humble** King.

Born to an unmarried peasant girl from Nazareth.

Unmarried mother – equals social outcast.

Peasant – means no army or means.

Nazareth – nothing good comes from that backwater.

Dirty shepherds hailed him – not the priestly leaders.

He is poor, an object of suspicion.

He grows to adulthood and says – I am the **Servant** King.

Mark 10:45:

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

In My kingdom – the last shall be first. He even washes the feet of His disciples.

He is also the **Outcast** King.

He does not move among the politicians and generals – but the scum of the earth.

Matthew 9:10–13:

Many tax collectors and sinners came to eat with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Now when he heard this, he said, “It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. ... I didn’t come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

He makes it clear that He will be the **Sacrificed** King.

Mark 9:31:

The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him.

**Humble, Servant, Outcast, Sacrificed.**

That is not the King we want.

That is more a beggar, a madman – a criminal.

So, no surprise that when Jesus stands before Pilate – the governor asks him – Are you the king of the Jews?

You don't look like a King.

Jesus heard the sarcasm. John 18:36–37:

“My kingdom is not of this world,” ... “You are a king then?” Pilate asked. “You say that I’m a king,” Jesus replied. “I was born for this.”

I am a King – but yes – not like any King you know of.

And My kingdom is not like any you know of.

But this is truth.

You who are an under king – if you are to live you need to believe it.

You need to acknowledge Me as King.

Jesus is the Surprising, Unexpected, Unimaginable King. But He is King.

Now, another truth is that He should not have been so unexpected.

**Humble?** Zechariah 9:9:

Rejoice ... Look, your King is coming to you; **humble and riding on a donkey.**

**Servant?** Isaiah 42:1:

This is **my servant**; ... he will bring justice to the nations.

**Outcast?** Isaiah 53:12:

He was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.

Psalm 22:6–7:

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by people. Everyone who sees me mocks me; they sneer and shake their heads:

**Sacrificed?** Isaiah 53:5–6:

He was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; ... and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all.

He is **exactly** the King they should have expected – but they verses point to a King they did not want.

So – John 19:14-15:

Pilate said to the Jews, “Here is your King ... Should I crucify your king?”

They looked at Jesus – beaten, bloodied, humiliated. That One is not our King.

“We have no king but Caesar!”

Here are these men who pray earnestly for Messiah to come and free them from the yoke of Caesar.

They look at Jesus – not my King. We would rather have Caesar who we hate as King than Him.

Caesar at least seems kingly.

Pilate agreed to crucified Jesus but nailed a sign to His cross. Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

The chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Don’t write, ‘The king of the Jews,’ but that he said, ‘I am the king of the Jews.’ ”

He is **not** our King.

However – that does not change the truth – He is THE King.

And He is the only King who can save.

Jesus had to come once as the **Humble, Servant, Outcast, Sacrificed King**.

Why – to declare His power over Satan, sin and death.

To rescue His people.

So, who are the people of Jesus?

Only those who look at the broken, bloodied man on the cross and say – He is my King.

He is the One I follow. He is my Lord and my Saviour. I bow to Him.

This is the gospel and has been since the first day of the church – the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:29–40. Peter said this:

Brothers and sisters, ... David ... is both dead and buried, ... but he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants **on his throne**.



... God has raised this Jesus. ... Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God ... “Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made **this** Jesus, whom you **crucified**, **both Lord and Messiah**.”

You don't make Jesus King of your life.

He is KING – whether you accept that or not.

The question is whether you acknowledge that this One – who came humbly – died in ignominy and was raised in power – is He your King?

Our King is risen and reigning and 1 Corinthians 15:25:

He must reign until he puts all his enemies under his feet.

Ephesians 1:20–23:

God exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens ...And **he subjected everything under his feet** and appointed him as head over everything.

The God King became the Crucified King and is now the Risen King.

The resurrection – the empty tomb testifies to this.

He is King – but now every man and woman has to decide. Is this Jesus – the crucified and risen One – my King?

If you answer yes – what do you do? Acts 2 again:

When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

And for everyone who chooses to recognise that – He grants them forgiveness and entry to His kingdom. Colossians 1:13–14:

He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Bow to Him and you will reign with Him.

We are kings. 1 Peter 2:9 says we are a royal priesthood. Revelation 1:5 says Christ made us a kingdom.

2 Timothy 2:11–12:

This saying is trustworthy: For if we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him.

And perhaps most surprisingly Romans 8:17 says:

We are heirs—heirs of God and **coheirs** with Christ.

But – don't mistake what it means to reign with Him.

In 1 Corinthians 4, Paul speaks of the super Apostles who said – in Christ we are kings and we are reigning over this world.

True – but to them that meant means money, power and prestige.

Paul said no – reigning in this life means suffering, giving up and being reviled – because you will be preaching a gospel they hate.

Being kings now means you are considered the scum of the earth everyone's garbage. Tell us what you really think Paul.

In John 15:18–20 Jesus said this:

If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. ... 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

If you are faithful in your vice-regent duties of proclaiming the gospel, preaching Christ and Him crucified, planting churches – doing whatever it takes to proclaim the glory of King Jesus – your reward as a co-heir will be the scorn of the world. They will think you are fools and garbage.

In this world the kingdom of Jesus is an upside-down kingdom – the first are the least and the least the first.

Brothers and sisters – understand this. As those made in the image and likeness of God – we bear the mandate of Adam to rule, subdue and fill the earth.

But, as those in Christ – we also bear another mandate from our King.

Matthew 28:18–20:

Jesus said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As the King – the One who bears all authority – Jesus has commanded us to rule and subdue this world by making disciples by baptising and teaching.

And the King is with us until He returns.

We are Kings – but sub-kings – kings under the great King.

And He gave us a task.

To rule and subdue the nations through the preaching of the gospel.

And He empowers to do this.

That is our life's work our blood born mandate handed to us by our King.

And – you will see glory – not personal glory – but kingdom glory – as the church grows and the lost are saved.

What you will also see is opposition and persecution – because the world does not recognise the King.

And here is what else it means to reign with Christ – not only does He empower you to see His kingdom come in the world – He empowers the kingdom within you.

You can fight sin and discouragement and anxiety and unbelief.

The King came so that you can see victory in the world and in your life as you reign with Him.

Acknowledging Jesus as King is **not** just mental assent and faith.

If He is your King – you obey Him. Sharing the gospel. Giving. Going.

Fighting sin. Striving for righteousness.

Seeing His kingdom come – in the world and in you.

If you are not doing this – then Jesus may not be your King.

And we know the day is coming when King Jesus will return as:



**The Undisputed King.**

One day you may be mowing the lawn, hanging the washing and the trump will sound.  
And you will look up.

Revelation 19:11–16:

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider ... judges and makes war. ... Many crowns were on his head. .... A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: **King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

Every kingdom promise will be fulfilled. He is the **Davidic, Warrior, Judge, Heavenly King.**

He has always been **King of Kings and Lord of Lords.** But from that day none will doubt it. None will oppose it.

When we were in St Mary's the church Luther preached at in Wittenburg – this large choir were practicing Handel's Messiah.

They were performing later that night at an expensive concert.

But we just got to sit and enjoy the practice.

I love Handel's Messiah.

It was in German – but it didn't matter. It was an anthem of victory.

King of Kings  
And Lord of Lords.  
And He shall reign forever and ever.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

And finally, Revelation 11:15:

The kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,  
and he will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 5:10:

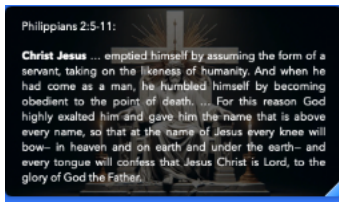
You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.

The new earth. No Satan, no sin, no death, no tears. An unchallenged reign with Christ on the throne forever and us reigning with Him over the new creation.

Hallelujah.

How do we process the idea of King Jesus?

I think Philippians 2:5–11 sums it up:



**Christ Jesus** ... emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. ... For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— in heaven and on earth and under the earth— and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Christ Jesus.**

*Christ* is the Greek word for – *Messiah*. It refers to the anointed One – the King.

*Christ Jesus* would have been understood in the early church to mean “The Anointed King Jesus.”

He was always King. He emptied Himself and became the Suffering King.

His death and resurrection led to God bestowing a name above every name.

The day is coming when at that name **every** knee will bow.

Here is the point – if you don’t bow the knee now – I assure you – you will then.

And if you think you won’t – I tell you – Satan will bow the knee. Hitler will bow the knee.

All will bow.

And **every** tongue will confess – Jesus the King – He is Lord.

Those who bow the knee willingly in this life – who reign with Him.

Those who did not acknowledge Him as King will be forced to their knees – they will acknowledge – Jesus is King – and they will accept the judgment the King decrees.

But today – the King calls rebels to run to Him and accept His offer of pardon by acknowledging Him as King.

And if He is your King – rejoice.

His kingdom is coming – it will come and Christ will be King of kings forever.

Hallelujah.

## **10 Looks: Look 8 – King (1 Dec 2024)**

**Main Point: Only those who accept Christ as King and strive to see His kingdom come are granted the privilege to reign with Him.**

### **General Questions:**

1. What is a King? What is a difference between the great Kings (King of kings) and the lesser kings?
2. Why is Jesus a King?
3. What does it tell us that he is the God King?
4. Any thoughts on how sin entered the creation?
5. How could Adam sin in the face of every blessing?
6. What do you think is at the heart of sin?
7. Why would Jesus allow sin to enter and exist in our world?
8. Why did the Jews reject Jesus as their King when He came to our world?
9. Why were the passages about the King coming as a humble, servant outcast to die overlooked?
10. How do you affirm Jesus as your King?
11. What does it mean to reign with Him now?
12. What will change at His return?
13. What does it mean that we will reign with Him eternally?

### **Application Questions:**

1. How can you know if Jesus is your King?
2. What is the mandate given to us by our King?
3. What does it mean to bow the knee to Him now?

**What convicted me in the message?**

**What moved me in the message?**

**What will I do in light of the message?**