

## *Waiting for Christmas ~ Jesus as King*

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### **1. Jesus is an incomparable King**

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this!*

*Isaiah chapter 9, verse 6 (523)*

- ✓ Wonderful Counselor- to tell you what to do and to give you the power to do it!
- ✓ Mighty God- to conquer and secure victory over anything in our lives.
- ✓ Everlasting Father- "Father of Eternity" he never stops being my Father.
- ✓ Prince of Peace- the ability to bring peace in the world as well as in my heart.

### **2. Jesus is a conquering King.**

*"For the time is coming," says the LORD, "when I will raise up a righteous descendent from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this is his name: 'the LORD Is Our Righteousness.' In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.*

*Jeremiah chapter 23, verses 5-6 (591)*

- This will happen at Christ's second coming.
- He will rescue his people.
- There's no rescuing without conquering.
- At his first coming he came as a suffering servant.
- Jesus will be our (my) righteousness.
- *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

*2 Corinthians chapter 5, verse 21 (884)*

For he has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. *Colossians chapter 1, verse 13 (902)*

*Questions:*

- ❖ If I have been rescued why don't I live in that reality.
- ❖ What issues still need to be conquered in my life?
- ❖ Why am I not willing to receive his deliverance in these areas?

### **3. Jesus is the King who deserves my worship.**

*The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A huge crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!"*

*John chapter 12, verses 12-13 (821)*

- Jesus is worshiped for who he is!
- I worship Jesus even when he doesn't meet my expectations.
- Jesus is a jealous king who wants all of my attention and affection.
- What draws my attention away from Jesus?
  - people
  - the material & financial
  - my addictions
  - my fears & worries
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill it in)
- *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.*  
Romans chapter 12,verse 1 (866)

#### 4. Jesus is a King who is approachable.

*Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews chapter 4, verse 16 (922)*

- “may” does not mean “might, it means “will” receive grace and mercy
- You can go to God with confidence because of Jesus.
- Even when I bring my sin to God he I get mercy and grace.
- If Jesus is available and approachable for me then how more should I be for others.

#### If Jesus is my King then...

- ✓ I am blessed.
- ✓ I have hope.
- ✓ I have purpose.
- ✓ I can have peace.
- ✓ I can be victorious!
- ✓ I am accountable.
- ✓ I must worship only him.
- ✓ I belong to him and my life is not my own.

#### Want more? Interact with these questions:

- Colossians 1:16-22- What makes Jesus so unique?
- Who around me needs rescuing and what can I begin doing to help them connect with Christ.
- What specifically has God conquered in my life? List all of them.
- What do I need to allow him to conquer?
- Why is God waiting so long to send Jesus back?- 2 Peter 3:9
- Until he returns where does Jesus Kingdom exist? *Acts 1-2*
- What part do I play in advancing his kingdom? *Matthew 10:7*
- How am I doing in building his kingdom? *Matthew 25:14-30*
- Who are the greatest in God's kingdom? *Matthew 18:4*
- What qualities do these people display?

*Next week: Christmas Eve*