

Title: Christ is King

Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

Introduction

Key Truths

- Jesus Christ is King.
- He has saved us to tell others about His name.

Temptations

- in light of disease and riots and turmoil today, may think Satan rules.
- Truth: this is a lie. Christ is King!

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EXPOSITION

Context of Passage / History

- Mankind was marred by sin and death.
- God is holy and perfect and hates sin. He kicked man out of His presence but promised One would crush the head of Satan. People then looked forward to the One.
- God the revealed Himself to Abram, who is later renamed Abraham. From Abraham's offspring come a people, Israel - a chosen people to live under God who would fulfill His promises.
- Israel grows in number while in Egypt.
- God rescued Israel out of Egypt and into the desert. But while in the desert, Israelites grumble but in God's kindness He provides food and water.
- God provided the Law that points to God's perfection and holiness while seeing how imperfect humans are deserving punishment and death.
- Israelites finally come into a "Promised Land" but they failed to fully obey God and bless the nations by being an example of a nation under God. God continued to reveal the truth of the Promised Offspring who would still crush Satan's head.

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Book of Matthew

Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

- Jesus came from the line of Abraham and is the Promised One that was mentioned in all the Scriptures.

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- On the mountain, Jesus crushed Satan's death. He brought His disciples there to remind them of key truths.

And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

- Even after Jesus' resurrection, some still were confused about the truth because they thought Jesus would bring about an immediate new political victory and kingdom.

I. We must Remember that Christ is Reigning as King.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

In heaven and on earth

- meaning = eternal rule
 - Jesus has always and will continue to rule.
- Through faith in Christ, we are welcomed to experience Jesus' kingship.
 - Otherwise, one is sitting under Satan's authority and kingdom.
- Two kingdoms with two outcomes:
 - Jesus: marked by eternal life and joy in His presence for all eternity.
 - Satan: marked by sin and death, under the wrath of God for all eternity.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

II. We Are Saved to be Partakers and Proclaimers of God's Kingship.

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A. Go

Go therefore

- Jesus Christ has come and fulfilled the prophecy of the Promised One.
 - Now through faith in Christ, we have a mission to be a blessing to the nations by telling others of the truth of Christ.
- Regardless of their situation or status, all people need to hear the truth of the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus!

Luke 10:2

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

B. Proclaim

and make disciples of all nations

- We are to proclaim the whole truth of the Gospel
 - who Jesus is, what He has done, and how to live for Him.
 - Not pick and choose just particular aspects.

Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

C. Baptize

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

- Baptism
 - public proclamation and declaration that one has been transferred to the kingdom of Christ.
 - Public identification with Christ. With water, the action of being immersed in the water illustrates dying and being buried with Christ. The action of coming out of the water pictures Christ's resurrection.

D. Teach

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

- As disciples, we are to continue to be taught under God's Word as well as teach others who do not know.
- Know what? Christ is King who is reigning and will come again.
- Aim of teaching: Obedience to all of God's command.
 - By the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have the power to worship and obey God.

III. Christ

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

- Always go in comfort and hope.
- God will always save a people for Himself.
- God will use you to proclaim His name!

Application

- Great joy and hope are for those in Christ.
- Though there are times were it seems depressing and overwhelming, remember that Christ is reigning and will come again!

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.