

KING JESUS

1. The Old Testament Foreshadowings:

Genesis 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him [shall be] the obedience of the peoples. (NASB)

Psalms 2:6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." (NASB)

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies A footstool for Thy feet "? (NASB) Cf. Psalm 110.1

Psalms 24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates, And be lifted up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in! (NASB)

Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of [His] government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. (NASB)

2. The Gospel Presentation:

Matthew 2:5-6 And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet, 6 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler, Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " (NASB)

Luke 1:32-33 "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; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end. " (NASB)

John 1:49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

Mark 1:14-15 And after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (NASB)

John 6:15 Jesus therefore perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force, to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone. (NASB)

3. Christ's Claim to Be King by Implication:

Matthew 13:41-43 "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Matthew 16:28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom." (NASB)

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (NASB)

Luke 19:12-15 He said therefore, "A certain nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and [then] return. 13 "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business [with this] until I come [back.]' 14 "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ' We do not want this man to reign over us. ' 15 "And it came about that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him in order that he might know what business they had done. (NASB)

4. Christ's Acceptance of the Title:

Matthew 20:21-23 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left." 22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to Him, "We are able." 23 He said to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on [My] left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father." (NASB)

Luke 23:42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" (NASB)

5. Christ Charged and Condemned as King:

Luke 23:2-3 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." 3 And Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "[It is as] you say." (NASB)

John 18:37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say [correctly] that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (NASB)

John 19:21 And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" (NASB)

Mark 15:32 "Let [this] Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" And those who were crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him. (NASB)

6. The Witness of the Resurrection and of Apostolic Preaching:

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified." (NASB)

7. The Testimony of the Epistles and Revelation:

Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived [again], that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. (NASB)

Romans 15:12 And again Isaiah says, "There shall come the root of Jesse, And He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, In Him shall the Gentiles hope." (NASB)

1 Corinthians 15:25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. (NASB)

Ephesians 1:20-22 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly [places], 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, (NASB)

- Evil men have no "inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God" (Eph. 5:5), and believers are "translated into the kingdom of the Son of his love" (Col. 1:13). He has been given the name that is above every name "that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow," etc. (Phil. 2:9-11). Those who suffer with Christ are to "reign with him" (2Tim. 2:12), at "his appearing and his kingdom" (2Tim. 4:1), and He will save them "unto his heavenly kingdom" (2Tim. 4:18); "the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:11). Of the Son it is said: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever" (Heb. 1:8), and He is a King-Priest "after the order of Melchizedek" (Heb. 7:17).
- In the Revelation, appropriately, the predominant aspect of Christ is that of a king. He is the "ruler of the kings of the earth" (Rev. 1:5), "King of the ages" (Rev. 15:3), "King of kings" (Rev. 17:14; Rev. 19:16), "and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). The reality of Christ's kingship is thus placed beyond all doubt.