

Jesus' Enemies Give Great Sermons

Week 3: "Hail, King of the Jews"

Weekly Summary: Human beings like to think that they rule themselves. The reality, though, is that we are subjects of all the various things that take control of our hearts. Instead of setting us free, they enslave us. There's only one King who is worthy to rule your heart. In his kingdom and under his reign, you truly find everything you need!

- ❖ **Mark 15:16** – The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers.
- ❖ **Mark 15:17** – They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.
- ❖ **Mark 15:18-20** – And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹ Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

➤ Satan tells us, "Jesus is king of _____."

- ❖ **Revelation 19:11-16** – I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

➤ Scripture tells us, "Jesus is King of _____."



- ❖ **Romans 8:37** – No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

- ❖ **Revelation 7:15-17** – Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

- ❖ **1 John 5:14** – This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Under Jesus' rule we have _____, _____, and a _____.

Digging Deeper

1. If you were the Roman governor, what would you have thought about Palm Sunday? What if you were one of the chief priests or elders of the people?
2. Why was Palm Sunday so threatening to some? Why is Jesus' kingship “threatening” to us?
3. What caused so many of Jerusalem's citizens to turn so quickly against Jesus between Palm Sunday and Good Friday? How is that similar to what we ourselves often do?
4. The overarching sentiment of people in our culture sounds like this: “I’m the only one who can decide what’s best for me. What I say goes.” How do we as Christians respond to people who live by and profess such ideas? How does Romans 6:11-14 weigh in on this?
5. Read Philippians 2:9-11. How do we understand this in light of what we also read in Revelation 21:6-8? What does that mean for our personal missions as current (and lifelong) members of the Kingdom?
6. How does understanding that Jesus is King over all people change the way we treat and interact with them?
7. What are some of the other blessings of life in Christ's kingdom that we didn't directly cover in today's message?

Challenge: Get a piece of paper and write down some of the ways you've been challenging Christ's lordship over you and all things lately. Surrender them—and yourself—to his rule.

Homework: Please read John 11:45-53 to get ready for Good Friday's message. Then also read through Luke 24:1-12 to prepare for our Easter service!