

Studies of the King & His Kingdom

Mastering the Basics

Lesson 6

Jesus Is King

The gospel presented in Scripture is the gospel of the Kingdom. It presents Jesus as Lord, as King, as the maximum authority. The gospel of the Kingdom is Christ-centered not man centered. As Juan Carlos Ortiz stated, *"There are two masters in this world, and each has a kingdom. We were born into the kingdom of darkness. We were natural citizens of the kingdom of selfishness. It is a place where everyone does his own will. That is the way Satan runs his kingdom, 'in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind' (Ephesians 2:3).*

We lived as we liked. We did as we pleased. What difference did it make? The kingdom of darkness is like a wrecked ship that is sinking fast. When the captain knows his ship is lost, he goes to the passengers and says, "Listen, those in second class can go to first class; you're free to do what you want. Anyone who wants to drink, help yourself at the bar; it's all free. If you want to play soccer in the dining room, go ahead. If you break the lamps, don't worry."

The passengers say, "What a nice captain we have! We can do whatever we like on this ship."

But they will all be dead in a few minutes.

In the kingdom of darkness, you can have all the drugs, lust, and cheating you want. Nevertheless, you are lost. You think you are the king. You are led by the selfish spirit of your kingdom. But it is only a matter of time.

What is salvation? It is to be "delivered...from the domain of darkness, and transferred...to the kingdom of His beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13). It is not getting free of the kingdoms altogether. It is moving from the rulership of Satan to the rulership of Jesus Christ.

In this new Kingdom, you cannot do whatever you like. You are part of the Kingdom of God. He is King. He rules." [Disciple by Juan Carlos Ortiz, pgs.28-29].

The problem of modern day evangelism is that there is no emphasis on kingdoms, there is no emphasis on authority, there is no emphasis on masters. "Ask Jesus into your heart," "Ask Jesus to be your Savior," "Repeat this prayer after me," does not emphasize the turn from darkness to light, the turn from

Satan's authority to God that is necessary for one to receive the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 26:18).

There must be a racial change, a new birth, a new nature that accompanies repentance and the accepting of God's rule. *"It is my belief that the mission of Jesus was to invade this present evil age with His kingdom rule, the age to come. Those who chose to receive the proclamation of the rule of God are, in fact, the Church" [The Church is Not the Kingdom! Week 3, SBL Ministries, p.1].*

"The Kingdom of God does not accept naturalized citizens. You have to be born into the Kingdom. Suppose the laws of the United States were like that. And I came along to the immigration office and said, "I want to be an American."

"Where were you born?" they would ask me.

"[Entebbe, Uganda, East Africa]."

"Then you cannot be an American," they would explain, "because all Americans are born on American soil."

"Oh, but sir, I really want to become an American."

"Where were you born?"

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"Well, I just told you that the only way to be an American is to be born in the United States of America."

"Oh, sir, how can I do it? I really truly want to be an American."

"Well, the only thing you can do would be to die and be born again, and this time be sure to be born in America. That's the only way. We don't accept visitors. We don't accept visas anymore. You have to be born here."

So how can a man change citizenship from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God?

Jesus brought the solution. His death on the cross and His resurrection really means this: Any slave who looks to the cross in faith is allowed to count that death as his own death. He dies; Satan loses him.

Then comes the resurrection. By it we are transferred into the new Kingdom. This is just as important as the cross. We die to one king and are born under the rule of another." [Disciple by Juan Carlos Ortiz, p.30]. If we would interpret the word "Christ" as "anointed to rule, king," we would not fail to see His "kingship" throughout the entire New Testament (Luke 23:2).

Questions

1. Read Mark 15:25-28. Jesus was declared to be a criminal by the Roman government because he: a. was said to be a king. b. was a good teacher. c. didn't pay his taxes.

2. Read Luke 23:1-3. From a Jewish perspective the word "Christ" means: a. a farmer. b. a teacher. c. a tax-collector. d. a king.
3. Read Acts 17:6-7. The Apostle Paul was accused by Jewish opposition of preaching Jesus as: a. a great religious leader. b. a healer. c. another king other than Caesar. d. a good man.
4. Read Revelation 15:3. The Lord God Almighty is the: a. King of the Saints. b. King of the unbelievers. c. King of the Gentiles.
5. Read Acts 25:26 & Revelation 17:14. The Old Testament Hebrew word *Malak* means "to reign, or be king." Basically the word means "to fill the functions of ruler over someone" The Greek word *kurios* that is used in the New Testament and is translated "Lord" 667 times means "supreme in authority." Which English word in Acts 25:26 & Revelation 17:14 is the equivalent of the Greek word *kurios* in these verses?
6. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. The everlasting King whose government shall not come to an end will be called: a. The Prince of Peace. b. The everlasting Father. c. the mighty God. d. Counsellor. e. Wonderful. f. all of the above.
7. Read Hebrews 1:8-9. The scepter [a staff borne by a king as an emblem of authority] of God's rule is: a. love. b. joy. c. peace. d. righteousness.
8. Read Mark 1:14-15 & Acts 20:21. How can a man change citizenship from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God?
9. Read Luke 16:13; John 13:13-15; Matthew 23:10. What master have you chosen?
10. Read Colossians 1:13-14. We have been bought, purchased and freed to come into the Kingdom of God through Jesus': a. teaching. b. blood. c. example.

Scriptures to use with Questions

1. **Read Mark 15:25-28.** [25] And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. [26] And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. [27] And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. [28] And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
2. **Read Luke 23:1-3.** [1] And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. [2] And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he

himself is Christ a King. [3] And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

3. **Read Acts 17:6-7.** [6] And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; [7] Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

4. **Read Revelation 15:3.** [3] And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

5. **Read Acts 25:26 & Revelation 17:14. Acts 25:** [26] Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write. **Revelation 17:** [14] These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

6. **Read Isaiah 9:6-7.** [6] For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

7. **Read Hebrews 1:8-9.** [8] But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. [9] Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8. **Read Mark 1:14-15 & Acts 20:21. Mark 1:** [14] Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, [15] And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. **Acts 20:** [21] Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. **Read Luke 16:13; John 13:13-15; Matthew 23:10. Luke 16:** [13] No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **John 13:** [13] Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that ye should do

as I have done to you. **Matthew 23:** [10] Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

10. **Read Colossians 1:13-14.** [13] Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: [14] In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

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9. Read Luke 16:13; John 13:13-15; Matthew 23:10. What master have you chosen? Hopefully you have chosen Christ.

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