

Sovereign Grace Church

“Jesus Our King” outline

December 25, 2016

**Jesus “...has been ordained by God the Father & has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be
....our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us
and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.”**

HC 31

This morning, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord, we will finish our short series on His three offices of Prophet, Priest and King. While prophets speak truth to the people and priests intercede for them.....Kings reign over them! The world often regards prophets as estranged from society and priests as manipulators of the same. But kings are always regarded as forces with which one must reckon. They have power and because of that fact one must be careful!

Worldly kings retain their power by manipulating and controlling other institutions/people in society. In other words theirs is a contrived power and must be built on an edifice of fear! But with Jesus it is different! His Kingship is indeed a matter of power but it is a power originating from Reality and thus is not contrived and is free from manipulation and forced control.

It is a power that changes the inner hearts of men & turns cowards to men of renown and weaklings into faithful warriors of His Kingdom. Because it originates from the unseen foundations of Reality it also threatens the contrived kingdoms of darkness which under-gird the kingdoms of human history. Jesus' kingdom does not advance by force but by a love that conquers hate. Because of this Satan fears it above all others & is powerless to oppose it!

1. What is a king?

Jn 18: 36-38b; Matt 1: 21; I Cor. 15: 25-26

2. Do we need a king?

Isa 53: 6; Jn 8: 43-47

3. Jesus as our King

- **He subdues us Psm 110:3; Deut 20:8; Jn. 6:44**

- **He rules and defends us Isa 33:20; Jer. 44:10**

- **He conquers His and our enemies I Cor. 15: 25-26**

- **Jesus and judgment Lk 13:5; Heb. 9:27; Lk 12:10**

4. Application Gen. 1:28; Matt. 28: 19f; I Cor. 7:23; Eph 2: 5-6; Rev. 19:11-16

Questions for Discussion around the Family Table

- 1. How is Jesus' kingship different from that of a worldly king? What did Jesus mean when he told Pilate that His kingdom was “not of this world?” Was Pilate concerned by this response? Should he have been?**
- 2. Does the world currently take the church of Jesus Christ seriously? Why or why not? What must change for the church to be taken seriously by secular society? What are the risks?**
- 3. What is your call in this world as a vice-king under the supreme kingship of Jesus Christ? What is your “realm”? Do you tend to use the tools that Christ has provided in your reign or the tools of the world? To Whom does your realm belong?! How does this knowledge make a difference?**
- 4. Was Herod right, given his fallen assumptions, to see the baby Jesus as a threat? Was Pilate right to dismiss Jesus as a harmless pretender to a fictional throne? Why did Pilate concede to Jesus' crucifixion if he did not regard His kingly claims with seriousness?**
- 5. As you look at your life....which pill would people think YOU had taken?**