

JESUS IS KING – REALLY!

Luke 22:66-23:3; John 18:33-38

How do I take the claim “Jesus is King”?

I. TAKE IT THAT JESUS CLAIMED TO BE A LITERAL KING.

Luke 22:67 *"If You are the Christ, tell us."*

22:69 *"But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."*

Matt 26:64 *"You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

Daniel 7:13-14 *"I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed."*

Luke 22:70 *"Are You the Son of God, then?"*

Lk 23:2 ... *"We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."*

Luke 22:70 *And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am."*

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...."*

II. TAKE IT THAT JESUS DEFINED A LITERAL KINGSHIP FOR HIMSELF.

John 18:33 *Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"*

John 18:34 *"Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"*

John 18:35 *"I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?"*

John 18:36 *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."*

What are the characteristics of the kingdoms of this world?

1. They arise out of this world. (Fr. Man)
2. They are political in nature. (Gov'ts, powers.)
3. The authority to rule comes from sinful men.
4. They rise and fall through political conflict, fighting and the warfare of their servants.
5. Their values, beliefs, goals are *of this world*.
6. They are all temporary. They rise and fall.

John 18:37 *"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."*

1. My Kingdom comes *from above*.
2. My authority to rule is *of heaven*. (i.e. From God.)
3. My Kingship/rule is spiritual not political in nature.
4. My Kingdom does not rise and fall through conflict and fighting.
5. The values, beliefs and goals of My Kingdom are heavenly and not earthly.

6. My Kingdom of heaven is forever.

III. **TAKE IT THAT JESUS PROVED HIS KINGSHIP IN A LITERAL WAY.**

Luke 23:35 *The rulers (JEWS) were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."*

36 *the soldiers (GENTILES) also mocked Him ... saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"*

NLT Luke 23:39 *One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself-- and us, too, while you're at it!"*

Jesus literally delivered Himself, but in a way far greater than they all conceived.

We have a King that can be touched, felt, seen and heard physically even though in heaven!

IV. **KING JESUS INVITES YOU TO TAKE HIM AS THE LITERAL KING OF YOUR LIFE.**

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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."

23:42 *And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"*

43 *And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."*