

**Theme:** Jesus Christ *is* King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is not dependent upon us to make him Lord; he is not waiting to establish his rule and kingdom. He reigns in power now! The only question is when we will acknowledge his power and submit to his loving rule.

**Background & Introduction:** Will the Queen choose her successor? Who would want the job?

## **I. A King in Israel**

### A. Israel's true King

1. Israel *always* had a King!  
- Exodus 15:18; Numbers 23:21; Judges 8:23; 1 Samuel 8:7
2. Israel's Desire for a King - 1 Samuel 8:7,19

### B. God's plan for a King

1. Kingship foreseen  
- Abraham (Genesis 17:6)  
- Jacob (Genesis 49:10)  
- Moses (Deuteronomy 17:14-20)
2. Chosen by the Lord
  - a. Saul (1 Sam.9, 10)
  - b. David (1 Samuel 16; 13:14)

## **II. The Role of a King**

### A. Ruling in the name of the Lord (Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

1. Mediate God's law, justice for the people  
- Jeremiah 33:15 (cf. Isaiah 11:1-4)
2. Answering to God  
- All rulers (Psalm 2)

### B. Defend and protect the people of God - A champion in battle (1 Samuel 8:20)

### C. An impossible task?

## **III. The King of Kings**

### A. The promised King - 2 Samuel 7:12,13; Isaiah 9:6,7

### B. The perfect King

1. Ruling in perfect righteousness  
- As the one who fulfills all the law and the prophets

2. Ruling in love
  - John 13:1; Ephesians 5:2
3. The perfect “defender” (Genesis 3:14,15)

#### C. King over all

1. The Kingdom of Power
  - a. Ruling over all creation (Colossians 1:16-17)
    - Psalm 2:9; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 5:5; Proverbs 8:15; 21:1
  - b. For His own Kingdom
    - He is not building an earthly kingdom! (John 6:15; 18:36)
2. The Kingdom of Grace
  - a. Christ rules over the His church
    - The head of his church (cf. Ephesians 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Colossians 1:18; 2:19)
    - He has a body - The church! (Eph.1:22; 1 Cor. 12)
    - There is a mystical union between Christ and the church (1 Corinthians 12:27)
  - b. Grounded in his work of redemption
    - You are not a member/part of this kingdom by virtue of your humanity or national allegiance
  - c. It is a spiritual kingdom
    - Observed everywhere the gospel is preached (Romans 14:17)
    - Empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:30-33)
  - d. This Kingdom is *advancing* (Matthew 12:28)

NOTE: We can't tie it to cultural, political or economic “institutions”. This Kingdom is “not of this world”!

- e. It is a Present reality! (Matthew 3:2)

#### IV. His Royal Subjects

- A. Reigning with Him
  - Revelation 22:1-5; Ephesians 2:6; 2 Timothy 2:12
- B. Ruling through Him
  - With authority to correct one another, to pray for one another.
  - With responsibility to protect one another
  - With the power to subdue sin
- C. As we submit to His authority
  - Jesus Is Lord!