

JESUS IS KING OF KINGS

1Tim. 6:13-16; Jhn. 18: 33-37

INTRODUCTION;

- A. In the religious world today there is a great deal of confusion in regard to the kingdom of Christ, just as there was in the first century.
- B. Jesus said His kingdom was not of this world. If so, his servants would fight to not be delivered to the Jews.
- C. Yet Jesus is King of kings: what makes Him such?

DISCUSSION:

I. DIVINITY SHOWS SUPERIORITY Jhn 1:1,2,14; 18:37

- A. He existed with Deity - was & is Deity Rev 1:8
- B. His character shows his divinity
 - 1. "even as I am not of this world" Jhn 17:16 ("they" = the apostles)
 - 2. "tempted like as we are yet without sin" Heb 4:15
 - 3. Neither sought nor loved things of world. World has know good kings, but never of this character.
- C. The length of his reign shows His Divinity
 - 1. Even greatest worldly kingdoms flourish then fade (David, Solomon)
 - 2. His kingdom and rule to out last this world Lk 1:32, 33; Dan 2:44
 - 3. His reign consummated in victory, not defeat 1Cor 15:24, 25
 - 4. Now reigning Eph 1:20-23; Col 1:13; Acts 2:36

II. HIS AUTHORITY SHOWS HIS SUPERIORITY

- A. Note the principle established in Matt 21:25
 - 1. "From heaven or men?"
 - 2. Not of man Gal 1:11,12; 1Thess 2:13
- B. Only sovereign king has legislative authority Matt 28:18
 - 1. "to him hearken in all things" Acts 3:22, 23
 - 2. A monarchy - not democracy governed by voice of people, ecclesiastical councils, popes, elders. etc.
 - a. Elders are spoken of as having "rule over you" Heb 13:7,17; 1Thess 5:12 yet, not legislative
 - b. Administer King's rule, not be "self willed" Tit 1:7
 - c. Take lead in teaching, commending, disciplining, etc,
- C. Laws superior to this world in their nature
 - 1. Not according to man's wisdom not appealing to carnal nature Rom 8:7
 - 2. Sermon on Mt. "astonished" hearers Matt 7:28,29
- D. Laws superior to this world in their design and power
 - 1. Intended to bring men to faith Jhn 20:30,31;

- Rom 10:17 and they are able to do so
- 2. Intended to convict, persuade, convert Jhn 16: 8; Psa 19:7 and able to do so
- 3. Ultimate aim is salvation Rom 1:16; Jhn 8:32; Jas 1:21 and able to do so
- 4. Laws the basis for fellowship with heaven 2Jhn 1:9; 1Jhn 2:3 "Laws" of this world have no such power

III. PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT SHOW HIS SUPERIORITY

- A. In the days of these kings - a kingdom that shall never be destroyed Dan 2:44
- B. Ways; Paths; Law; Word -- to go forth Salvation received by "calling on the name of Lord Isa 2:3; Micah 4:2; Joel 2:32
- C. Fulfillment in Acts 2 vindicates prediction <prophecy>
 - 1. Peter's emphasis not on some institution that saves but rather on Jesus' right to rule, His "Kingdom"
 - 2. People gladly received the "Word" Jhn 1:1
 - 3. As a result they became a part of the "called out body that belongs to Christ Acts 2:47 that is subjects of the King

IV. HIS SUBJECTS SHOW HIS SUPERIORITY

- A. In their conduct
 - 1. Not conformed to this world Rom 12:1,2; no fellowship with it Eph 5:11
 - 2. Keep selves unspotted from the world Jas 1:27
- B. In their thinking, values, objectives
 - 1. Affections on thing above Col 3:1,2
 - 2. Seek first God's kingdom then material things Matt 6:33
 - 3. We labor to be accepted of Him 2Cor 5:9
- C. In their destiny
 - 1. Our hope is heaven Col 1: 4,5
 - 2. We look for eternal life Matt 25:46

CONCLUSION:

- A. Have you subjected yourself to the laws of the King of this kingdom, Jesus Christ?
- B. If not, then you are a subject of an inferior kingdom that's end is eternal death.
- C. Note the two everlasting destinies according to Matt 7:13,14