

The Voice in the Wilderness

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Jesus Christ, the Exalted and Returning King

The central message of Scripture declares with unwavering clarity that Jesus Christ is King—promised from ancient times, risen in victory, exalted in glory, and returning in power. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible unfolds the majestic story of God’s redemptive plan, that culminates in the reign of Jesus Christ as the LORD who is sovereign over all. His kingship is not merely symbolic or spiritual. It is real, present, and eventually visible to all creation.

The Promised King

Long before His birth in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ was foretold as the coming King. The prophets of the Old Testament spoke with divine inspiration of a ruler who would establish an everlasting kingdom. In Isaiah 9:6-7 (KJV), the promise is given:

“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.”

This prophecy reveals not only the identity of the King but also the nature of His reign, which will be righteous, just, and eternal. He would come from the line of David, fulfilling God’s covenant (2 Samuel 7:12-13), and would rule with divine authority. The angel Gabriel affirmed this promise to Mary in Luke 1:32-33, declaring that her Son would inherit the throne of His father David and reign forever.

Thus, Jesus is not an unexpected figure in history but the long-awaited King, sent by God in accordance with His perfect plan. Every prophecy points toward Him, affirming that God is faithful to fulfil His word.

The Risen King

The Kingship of Jesus Christ cannot be separated from His resurrection. Though He was crucified, laid in a tomb, and appeared defeated in the eyes

of the world, death could not hold Him. On the third day, He rose again, demonstrating His authority over sin, death, and the grave.

After His resurrection, Jesus declared in Matthew 28:18 (KJV): **“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”**

This statement confirms that His kingship is universal. All realms, earthly and heavenly are all subject to His authority. The resurrection was not merely a miracle; it was the coronation of the King. By conquering death, Jesus proved that He is the rightful ruler over all creation.

The risen Christ also commissions His followers to proclaim His kingdom (Matthew 28:19-20), extending His reign through the transformation of lives. His victory assures believers that the King they serve is alive forevermore, actively ruling and interceding (Hebrews 7:25).

The Exalted King

Following His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven and was exalted to the highest place of honour. Philippians 2:9-11 (KJV) proclaims this glorious truth:

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

This exaltation signifies more than elevation. It also declares His supreme authority and divine identity. Jesus is not one king among many; He is the King above all kings; He is the King of kings. His name carries unmatched power, and one day every being—willingly or unwillingly—will acknowledge His Lordship (Revelation 1:7).

Ephesians 1:20-22 further emphasises that Christ is seated at God’s right hand, **“far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion.”** This present reality assures believers that their King reigns now, even in a world that often resists Him. His rule is not limited by time, space, or circumstance.

As the exalted One, He is also our Advocate, our Mediator, and our Sovereign LORD. His throne is secure, and His purposes cannot be thwarted.

The Coming King

While Jesus reigns now in heaven, the Bible also promises His visible, triumphant return. He will come again, but not as a suffering servant. He will come as a conquering King. Revelation 19:16 (KJV) declares:

“And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

This future event will reveal His glory to all nations. Every eye shall see Him (Revelation 1:7), and He will establish justice, defeat evil, and fully manifest His kingdom on earth. The return of Christ is the blessed hope of believers (Titus 2:13), assuring them that righteousness will ultimately triumph.

At His coming, He will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31) and gather His people to Himself (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). His kingdom will no longer be hidden or contested. Rather, it will be universally recognised and eternally established.

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the exalted and returning King—the fulfilment of prophecy, the conqueror of death, the ruler of heaven, and the hope of the world. As the promised King, He reveals God’s faithfulness. As the risen King, He demonstrates His power over death. As the exalted King, He reigns with supreme authority. And as the coming King, He will bring all things to their rightful completion.

The message of His Kingship calls for a response. Scripture urges all people to bow before Him now in repentance and faith, rather than later in judgment. For those who trust in Him, His reign is not a threat but a source of peace, joy, and eternal life.

May we live in the light of this truth: that Jesus Christ is LORD—yesterday, today, and forever—and that His kingdom shall have no end. Amen.

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