

Intro: This interrogation was written to show that the Christ is the Great King overseeing all of history. This Kingdom of God is at the heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for David was not the pinnacle of God's Kingdom, Jesus is. And with His glorious appearance and work of redemptive death and victorious resurrection, He reigns over all the earth. His Kingdom reshapes lives and restructures affections, brings healing and reconciliation, and at its core brings to the repentant heart the wondrous gracious achievement of acceptance with God. The Kingdom has come where God's people, in God's place, are under God's rule in Christ. And we preach that Jesus has come with His Kingdom rule to save sinners who come to Him by faith.

1. Jesus Shows That He is the Great King Superior to King David
 - a. The Scribes commend Jesus for silencing the Sadducees with His answer to resurrection
 - i. They act as if they and Jesus are bringing the same message, but He won't have any of this half-hearted agreement
 - ii. A little bit of agreement on the smaller things does not imply nor justify disagreement on the central things, so Jesus comes at them with His own question and then with a judgmental warning (vv44-47)
 - b. Jesus clearly points out that He and the Scribes are not on the same side, *because they will not receive Him as the Lord.*
 - i. Question about Psalm 110 and David's reference to the Messianic conversation between YHWH and the Messiah as "My Lord".
 1. Jesus goes right after their understanding of Him and His authority
 2. They see Him as a "Teacher", but that is not adequate, for He is the Lord.
 - ii. How can David call his son his Master?
 1. What does this say about the Messiah in relationship to David?
 - a. He is Greater in authority, honor, and significance.
 2. In relationship to YHWH?
 - a. He is YHWH's Chosen King who supersedes all others
 - iii. What does the nature of the Messiah tell us about His triumph and authority?
 1. If David triumphed and had authority and great honor, how much greater is the Messiah's triumph, authority, and honor if David calls Him "my Lord"?
 - a. How is David's triumph a shadow of the Messiah's great triumph?
 - b. How is David's authority a shadow of the Messiah's great authority?
 - c. How is David's kingdom a shadow of the Messiah's great kingdom?
2. God is Writing the Great Story of the Great King Jesus
 - a. The words of Jesus show us that Israel's greatest king, David, was a shadowy type of the Greater King, Jesus
 - i. Matthew follows this genealogy to show that Jesus is from the tribe of Judah and the son of David, but also that he was particularly the MESSIAH (Matt 1)
 - ii. All of Scripture points to Jesus Christ as the center of all of our worship

There are great stories in the Bible...but it is possible to know Bible stories, yet miss the Bible story....The Bible has a story line. It traces the history of Israel, but it does not begin there, nor does it contain what you would expect in a national history....If we forget the story line...we cut the heart

out of the Bible. Sunday school stories are then told as tamer versions of the Sunday comics, where Samson substitutes for Superman. David...becomes a Hebrew version of Jack the giant killer. No, David is not a brave little boy who isn't afraid of the big bad giant. He is the Lord's anointed...God chose David as a king after his own heart in order to prepare the way for David's great Son, our Deliverer and Champion...Jesus Christ. -Ed Clowney, *The Unfolding Mystery*

- b. This Kingdom of God is central to the gospel
 - i. **Luke 8:1; 16:16**
 1. The Kingdom of God is central because the King has arrived!
 - ii. It is central because we desperately need a King who can triumph over our enemies, restore and reorder our broken world, instruct us in the truth and wisdom, and ultimately deliver us from all evil, both within and without
 - iii. All the promises of God find their "yes" in Him (2 Cor 1:20-21)
 1. This means that Jesus, as the Messiah, receives all that the Father ever promised to Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, etc.
 2. He is Eve's seed that crushes the Serpent's head and delivers us from the curse of Death, the Faithful Seed of Abraham who receives the promised sacred space and land that He might rule it for all eternity, the keeper of Moses' Law so that He might be the perfect sacrifice that it required and the receiver of all that it promised, and the true King who rules and reigns over an eternal Kingdom that is never to be destroyed and flourishes with waters from the throne of God.
 3. Those who are united to Him by faith receive this inheritance because He shares it graciously
3. What Does This Mean?
 - a. The Christ, the Lord of David, Reigns with Authority Over ALL
 - i. **Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
 1. The Great Commission begins with this statement of Jesus' Kingship authority
 2. When Jesus asks us to make disciples of all the nations, He is with us as the King over all the Universe!
 - a. Unlike David, Jesus rules over *all Creation* and is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come." (Eph 1:21)
 - b. All that has ever been created was created by Him (Col 1:16)
 - c. All that has ever been created is sustained by Him (Heb 1:3)
 - ii. Authority over every area of our lives
 1. Career? – "I have a fishing beyond your fishing" (Luke 5:10)
 2. Family? – "I have a family beyond your family" (Luke 8:21)
 3. Because we are accepted by God through the blood of the King, it radically changes the way our entire lives are freed up to live for God and others
 - iii. Authority over spiritual powers in our lives
 1. Jesus cast out demons with power (Luke 4:33ff)
 - a. Jesus comes as more than simply a King with rules of the Kingdom, He comes as a Healer ("the hands of the King are healing hands")
 - b. He comes as a Savior and liberator

2. Something always controls us by promise-making
 - a. Some ultimate affection becomes our master when whether or not we have it determines our acceptance, joy, or significance
 - b. Idols of the heart make promises but end up enslaving us to them
3. As we submit to the King, these other lords are removed from positions of mastery over our lives (idolatry of the heart)
- iv. Authority to forgive sins and make us right with God
 1. “your sins are forgiven” (Luke 5:20) – David could never do that!
 2. Though physical healing is important and a sign of the kingdom, it is the spiritual reconciliation with God that is the true mark of the Kingdom of God
 3. The Kingdom is not entered through doing good deeds or avoiding bad deeds, it is only entered through conversion: “Repent and believe the gospel”
- b. This King Pours Out His Authoritative Life for Sinners!
 - i. Remember the Great Kindness of the King Towards You
 1. Eph 1:3-14
 2. Titus 3:4-7
 - ii. His promises are TRUE and TRUSTWORTHY
 1. See the infinite resources of your Savior-King! There is nothing that you truly need to glorify Him that He does not possess or give graciously. He has every spiritual blessing poured out for you in His fathomless love.
 2. There is no trouble in your life which the promises of God cannot meet with mercy and grace in the salve of the person of Jesus Christ and His loving rule over you.
 3. There is no sinful desire within you that Jesus, by His power and authority, cannot bring to death with the expulsive power of His Holy Spirit.
 - iii. Jesus has endeavored to bind Himself so closely to His redeemed that He will not consider Himself whole without her! He fills her up with His Spirit so that she becomes the completion of His glory.
 1. He is not insufficient in any way, for “He fills all in all”
 2. But His love for His people is so great that He has condescended to bind Himself to us
 - a. So the Head without the body is incomplete.
 - i. The body w/o the Head is incomplete
 - b. “Abide in me and I in you.” (John 14:20; 15:4)
 - c. “one flesh” (Eph 5:30-32)
 - d. “hidden with Christ in God” (Col 3:3-4)
 - e. **“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col 1:27)**
 3. We can see here the greatness of the love of Christ, that He has bound Himself so closely to His *broken* people!! What a Savior!! What a Redeemer! Who can fathom this love of such a King?! Behold the goodness of God in Jesus Christ!
- c. Thus, we enter into this Kingdom through *our* weakness and in reliance upon *His* strength
 - i. “Repent and believe the gospel!”
 1. It is only when we recognize our absolute need, that we are dead in our sins, that we need to be absolutely rescued, that we bring nothing but our sin and selfishness to the table, then Jesus becomes as gloriously beautiful as He is worthy
 2. “I did not come to call the people who had it all together, but rather I came to call sinners to repentance.”

- ii. Remember the Path that the King Took to Glory: Brokenness and Submission
 - 1. Has the Spirit loosened your opposition to God's over-arching sovereignty? Has the pride of your heart been humbled? Has God's Spirit emptied you of your self-rule, taught you the depth and severity of your sinfulness, nothingness, and **led you to God's pardoning mercy, and Christ's justifying righteousness**, through the deep, dark valley of the soul's submission before Him?
 - 2. Jesus walked through the deep darkness of God's wrath in the tomb and came out in even greater glory!

- 4. Acknowledge Him in All Your Ways!
 - a. Jesus is the KING who is worthy of our allegiance
 - i. The Kingdom means decisive personal submission to Jesus Christ as the Master of your life
 - 1. "Follow Me" – you pick up your nets and go
 - a. "they left everything and followed Him..." (Luke 5:10-11)
 - b. "without delay he called them and they left..." (Mark 1:20)
 - 2. This shows that entering into the Kingdom takes a decisive act of radical, exclusive commitment to Jesus as the Savior of your sins and the as the King of your life.
 - ii. We have a King who RESCUES us in His death, who RULES us in His perfect wisdom, and REIGNS in us with His powerful resurrection life
 - b. Ponder Always the Gospel of the Kingdom
 - i. Doctrines of the gospel
 - 1. Full pardon – sins forgiven
 - 2. Free justification – righteousness by grace
 - 3. Glorious adoption – sonship with God
 - 4. Sanctification – being made into His likeness
 - a. Let these truths govern your soul and functionally control your heart
 - b. Let these deep truths become your essential controlling reality to identify you with Jesus, your glorious Savior.
 - ii. Promises of the gospel
 - 1. Let these doctrines sink deep with the soul to soothe your tears and salve your anxieties.
 - 2. Ask the Spirit to lead you into a deep acquaintance with the riches of the beauty of His gospel.
 - a. There is no need which Jesus cannot meet.
 - b. Every wound has a balm in Him; every fear has a promise that calms; every battle has armor befitting it; every hunger has sufficient morsel in Jesus!
 - 3. Remember that your home is with your risen, authoritative, and glorious Lord who rules the Universe by His awesome power
 - a. Fear not the loss of this world
 - b. Fear not the powers of this world
 - c. Rest in the knowledge of the power of Jesus and in His glorious goodness and generosity toward you
 - d. Anticipate and yearn for the day of His ultimate defeat of the last enemy (death) where you will be glorified with Him in the presence of the Father

Conclusion:

To the praise of His glorious grace! The Lord over all that exists has condescended to His chosen ones in order to magnify His glory to the Universe. He has bound Himself to His people in great love and sealed them with His very Spirit. You are His body, you have been filled with His will, power and purpose for all of eternity so that you might show the excellencies of the King's glorious grace (1 Pet 2:9-10), the surpassing the greatness of His power to take resistant and rebellious enemies, dead in their sins and enslaved to their ignorance, and make them humble, dependent, worshipful people of His glory.

Lay down your careers today, your "have-to-have's", and the honor and perceived security of this world, and follow Christ as the Ultimate King of glory, the Savior of your soul, the Yes to all God's promises, and the Healer of the nations. He is the one with authority over our lives, so let us come to Him in submission and joy, for He is worthy of our allegiance, He is worthy of our lives, He is worthy to be praised throughout the ends of the earth for He, the divine Lord, became the slaughtered Lamb that you and I might be forgiven and free to live with Him forever and ever sharing in His eternal delight. Amen.