Introduction:
1. Most believe Jesus is king, but His kingdom is yet to be established.
2. Jesus is reigning over His kingdom now!
3. Because this is true, what about...

I. THE NATURE OF THE KINGDOM
   A. NOT OF THE EARTH
      1. The people misunderstood –Mt 20:20, Ac 1:6
      2. Jesus resisted being an earthly king –Jn 6:15
      3. Jesus was very clear –Jn 18:33-38
   B. WOULD COME IN THE DAYS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE
      1. According to the prophecy of Daniel –Da 2:44
      2. The image representing the four kingdoms: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greece, and Rome.
      3. John the Baptist preached that the kingdom of God was at hand –Mt 3:1-2
      4. The kingdom cannot be shaken –He 12:28
   C. IT HAS ALREADY COME
      1. The predictions of Jesus
         a. Would come while most of His audience was still alive –Mk 9:1
         b. Would come shortly after His ascension –Lk 24:49
      2. The fulfillment –Ac 2:1-4
         a. Jesus gave Peter the keys of the kingdom –Mt 16:16
         b. Peter used the keys –Ac 2:38, 41
      3. We are in the kingdom today –Co 1:13

II. THE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN –Re 20:4-6
   A. THERE IS GREAT FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE WITHIN REVELATION
      1. Consider some: “key to the bottomless pit”, “great chain in his hand”, and “1,000 years”
      2. In the midst of all the figurative language, one phrase is taken literally –vs. 4
   B. NOTE WHAT IS NOT SAID
      1. The Second Coming of Christ
      2. Jesus reigning on earth
      3. The resurrection of the body
         a. The first resurrection is figurative –vs. 5-6
         b. Jesus mentions only one in His teachings –Jn 5:28-29
      4. We will reign with Him for a thousand years
         a. Those who are said to be reigning with Christ are those beheaded –Re 20:4
         b. Nothing is said about anyone else reigning with Him for the thousand years
      5. Jesus will ever set foot on earth again
         a. We will meet Him in the air -1Th 4:16-18
         b. He could not be our High Priest on earth –He 7:14; Nu 16:40

Conclusion: It gives us great comfort to know that...
1. We are a part of the kingdom now
2. The mission of Christ did NOT fail
3. Jesus will reign over His kingdom to the very end -1Co 15:24-26