

# WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Lesson #5 –Jesus is our King

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20:4-6

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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