

Jesus the King: Does This Mean He is God?

Intro - We Read in the Bible wonderful verses that speak of Jesus as the only king that matters for time and eternity.

"Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen" (I Timothy 6:15,16).

- I. People ask the question.
 - A. With a sincere heart, God's people want to know more and seek the King!
(Matthew 2:2)
 - B. Pilate asked if He was the King of the Jews:
(Matthew 27:11)
 - C. Under Pilate's earthly, God-given authority, we see that the world is the world. Ultimately, how can we have friendship with the world? Pilate did not try to stop his soldiers:
(Matthew 27:26-31)
 - A. We see the revealed heart and character of the hearts of those who have always sought to mock and dethrone Him, or to make caricature of Him; little did they know they were fulfilling God's plan!
(Matthew 27:37)
- II. Because Jesus is the only potentate that truly matters, does this mean that He is Almighty God? We often hear the word "Trinity" in connection with this idea that many hold to. Is this a biblical word or idea? Let us examine this crucial subject in the light of the whole Word of God.
 - A. On one side of this issue there are many who will emphatically insist that Jesus is the son of God, but *not* God Almighty. There are Bible verses that are used to prove this idea. One such commonly used verse is:
(Matthew 27:46)
 1. In the view of some, this verse would indicate that the Lord Jesus Christ had to appeal to one who was a *separate* and *higher* being than Himself. The question is raised "How can God forsake God?"
 2. Another verse *used* by this side of the argument would purport that Jesus was mere man is:
(I Timothy 2:5,6)
 3. What about Jesus seemingly not desiring to be equal with God? Would Jesus being *truly* or *very* God take away from His humility?
(John 14:8)

4. Could these verses isolated indicate that the Lord Jesus Christ is mere man? If He were mere man, could He be the King of Kings?
- B. On the other side of this all-important discussion are those who unequivocally insist that Jesus is *very* God. Meaning, that He is actually God. They also believe and dare to purport that Jesus is the second person of the Trinity. They quote verses such as:
- (I John 5:7)**
1. The tenor of this group would then go on to quote further Bible verses such as:
(I Timothy 1:17).
 - a. This would indicate to them that Jesus is the "**King eternal...the only wise God**" and as a King, He will be bowed down to on that Great and Last Day.
- III. Both positions have a lot to say, but who is right? Really, does it matter what men say about this all-important subject? What truly matters is what God says about the subject in His holy Word. The Bible speaks for itself. We can either pick and choose what we want to hear or we can, by God's grace, compare His Word with the rest of His Word. We need to see the whole story: **The Lord Jesus Christ is Almighty God!**
- A. Any other conclusion seeks to undermine and dethrone King Jesus from His holy, righteous, and deserved place of Lordship.
1. When looking in Hebrews 1:8,9, The Father is speaking to the Son about His kingdom and the sceptre that He holds in his hand. This verse ties the kingship and Godhood of Jesus Christ: **(Hebrews 1:8.9).**
 - a. Whats more, the credentials that God the Father gives Jesus the Son in verse ten speak of Him, the Son (Jesus) as the creator. The Father tells the Son... "**And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands.**"
 - b. Moreover, **(Colossians 1:16,17)** states: "**For by Him (that is Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.**"
 - c. The question finally has to be raised, Why? Why all of the ado about Jesus declaring Himself to be God and King? The answer is simple: He will be honored and glorified. His enemies will finally submit themselves to Him:

(Psalm 66:2-4).

- d. His people will rejoice and gladly give Him praise for who He is and what He has done... **"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Revelation 4:11).**

- B. Many fail to recognize that at the name of the LORD (Jehovah), every knee shall bow unto Him:

(Isaiah 45:21-23)

- 1. This verse is saying that unto the LORD, the self-existing one who is God, will be bowed down to as King in that Great and last day.

- 2. This translates also into the New Testament as can be seen in:

(Philippians 2:9-11)

- a. Jesus who is God, will be bowed down to as King.

- IV. Even more succinctly, there are verses that speak of God as the great "I AM." In Exodus 3:14 we read **"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."**

- A. Jesus is the Great I AM. He declares that if one does not believe that He is God or *I am* they are yet in their sins **"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).**

- 1. The Jews of Jesus' day understood that He was saying the He was God. Jesus told them again in the same chapter, verse fifty-eight: **"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."**

- a. We can then see their reaction, because they refused to honor Him in His rightful place as God and King of their lives. Verse fifty-nine declares: **"Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."**

- B. False prophets go to great lengths and tirelessly use their efforts to seek to dethrone King Jesus. This is so, because those same False prophets desire to be on the throne themselves. Their false versions of Scripture are stripped of references of Jesus being the Almighty God and King that He so rightly deserves! It simply will not do to attend versions of scripture that are severely altered by man. Sinful man endeavors to bend and change His Word to their will; rather than to the will of Almighty God!

- V. One can reconcile the verses that speak about Jesus a man, because He was. But that is only half the story; He is God, because that is what Emmanuel means "**God with us**" (**Matthew 1:23**). People by nature do not want to submit to God, and we can make a "god" out of our own imaginations. To deny Jesus as the Almighty creator is a way (in the mind of man) to bring Jesus, the Christ (Messiah i.e The Anointed One; God in the flesh), down from the cross (**Matthew 27:40-43**). The precious Lord Jesus Christ is the creator! We would still be in our sins if He were mere man. He became a man in order that His divine nature could meet our humanity and become our Great Intercessor. Jesus became a man in order to express who He (the Godhead) really is (**John 1:18**). God Almighty had to take on a human nature and become one of us in order to pay for our sins (**Hebrews 10:5-7**). This is the mystery of the Gospel! (**I Tim. 3:16**).

Conclusion: The Cross is where Jesus' Kingship and His holy, divine nature converge and make harmonious sense to the believer. Only one who is God can pay for the sins of His people (**Matthew 1:18**). God's way is not our way, the cross is not logical to those who are seeking their own salvation plan (**Isaiah 55:7-9; I Corinthians 1:18**). How could it be? It blows the mind of a Christian away (**I Corinthians 2:16**)! God is the only one who would think of a salvation plan that would confound those who are seeking to dethrone the exalted King of Kings, the Lord Jesus Christ! (**Revelation 19:13-16; Job 5:12,13**).

I would argue, because He is King, He is God; and because He is God, He is King!