

Christ, Our King

# Small towns: one man, many roles

- Mayor
  - Sheriff
  - Justice of peace
  - Postmaster
  - Store-owner
  - Fire chief
  - Plumber
  - Preacher
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- Different roles of a man show different ways to exert authority
  - Fire chief cannot arrest; postmaster cannot sell food . . .
  - Peter: apostle, prophet, evangelist . . .

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- Lord's roles show different aspects of His authority
- To understand Jesus, we must understand His roles

- Hebrews 1:1-3

*“Spoken to us”* – **Prophet**

*“Purged our sins”* – **Priest**

*“Right hand of Majesty”* – **King**

- NT: 119 references to kings

Herod

Antipas

Agrippa I

# I. Christ Is Our King

## Old Testament: (Gn.14)

- Melchizedec, type of Christ: priest / king
- Hb.7<sup>1</sup> For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup> to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” <sup>3</sup> without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. [1 Tim.6:15]

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Monarchy reached its pinnacle in David

David, in turn, pointed to his great descendant: Messiah king, Ps.110:1

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- Mt.2:2, born king of Jews: foreigners come to worship Him
- Mt.17:24-27, Son of King; royalty
- Mt.28:18, all authority . . .on earth...in heaven

# Luke emphasizes reality of His claims

- Lk.1:32-33, <sup>1</sup>great / <sup>2</sup>Son of Most High / <sup>3</sup>Throne of David (Mt.1) / <sup>4</sup>reign over house / <sup>5</sup>forever
- Acts 2:...30-35, raised to reign

Authority of King, 36-38  
People respond to King, 41

# John explains nature of His rule

Jn.18:33...37 . . . Are you a king...?

1. **Parents** – carpenter.

2. **Places** – Bethlehem; manger; Nazareth.  
Jn.1:45f.

3. **Purpose** – Jn.6:15; 18:36.

4. **Personnel** – what ambassadors! Mt.26:56,  
one betrayed; another denied; all fled; hid...

**BUT:** Is.6 . . . Jn.1:14 . . . 12:37-44 . . . 20:...28

Hebrews explains the background of His rule  
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Melchizedek does not rule  
because of ancestry (7:6)

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II. IS Christ Our King?

# Some are not in His kingdom

- Unconcerned, Mt.22:2, 7, 11, 13
- Unloving, Mt.25:39-41
- Unwilling, Mt.27:11
  - O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!  
– Mt.23:37

# Some are not in His kingdom

Ps.118:22: Jews did not know their Messiah

Lk.23:48: Jews did not know themselves

Lk.23:27-31: Jews did not know their destiny

# To be in His kingdom, we must...

- **Know Him as King.** Lk.20<sup>42</sup> Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: *The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, <sup>43</sup> Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.*
- **Invite Him as King.** Lk.1<sup>43</sup> But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

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- Know Him as King. Lk.20<sup>42</sup>
- Invite Him as King. Lk.1<sup>43</sup>
- Name Him as King. Lk.8<sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”
- Glorify Him as King. Lk.20<sup>25</sup> And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

# Count the cost

- Serve Him even if it proves costly . . .

**Cost  
loved ones  
Gn.22**

**Cost  
life  
Dn.3; Ac.7**

**Cost  
liberty  
Mt.19:27**

- “...giving all diligence” – 2 Pt.1:5 —“to do one’s best, to make every effort to, to try as hard as possible” – L-N

- 1. True King. Jn.18<sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

- 2. We begin with repentance. Mt.4<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” . . . .  
. . . and end in faithfulness, Rv.2<sup>10</sup> Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

## Otto von Habsburg funeral

1. Otto of Austria...former Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary; Prince Royal of Hungary and Bohemia, of Dalmatia, Croatia, Slavonia, Galicia, Lodomeria, and Illyria; Grand Duke of Tuscany and Cracow; Duke of Lorraine, of Salzburg, Styria, Carinthia, Carniola and Bukowina; Grand Prince of Transylvania, Margrave of Moravia; Duke of Silesia, Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Guastalla, Auschwitz and Zator, Teschen, Friuli, Dubrovnik and Zadar; Princely Count of Habsburg and Tyrol, of Kyburg, Gorizia and Gradisca; Prince of Trent and Brixen; Margrave of Upper and Lower Lusatia and Istria; Count of Hohenems, Feldkirch, Bregenz, Sonnenburg etc.; Lord of Trieste, Kotor and the Windic March, Grand Voivod of the Voivodeship of Serbia etc.'

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A Capuchin asks, 'Who demands entry?'

2. 'Dr. Otto von Habsburg': number of his achievements [e.g.: President of Paneuropean Union and Member of European Parliament, mentioned.

Capuchin responds: "*We don't know him*"

3. Third time he was introduced as "Otto, a mortal, sinful human being!"

- Capuchin opens the gates, finally exclaims, "So he may come in."

Phil.2:9-11