



See the Kingly Love of Christ!

A love that...1. Hears sinners' cries

2. Gives - in sacrifice 3. Grants paradise-an eternal kingdom

Sermon Notes Luke 23:35-43

What do some Christians believe about the duties they think Jesus should be doing as a “King?” Name a couple.

What is Jesus’ most glorious work as King?

Which groups of people taunted Jesus at his crucifixion?

Who next to Jesus joined in mocking him?

What did Jesus do with all the mockers and their abuse on this day, Good Friday?

In what way does this demonstrate his regal love for sinners?

What did one of the criminals ask Jesus in faith?

What words indicate Jesus has kingly authority to bring sinners into heaven—even as he is dying?

Growth Group Study Guide

For the week of November 24, 2019



Opening Prayer Suggestion: Ask Jesus, the King, to come into our hearts through his Word that we study, to graciously strengthen his rule there.

My Story:

We Americans don't really understand what it is to have a "king" over us unless we were born in England, for example, or spent a lot of time there.

What does the word "king" bring to mind?

What traits or characteristics would you appreciate most in a king? (or in our case, president) Explain.

Digging In: Luke 23:35-43.

Context: We hear these words during the season of Lent. It is Good Friday and Jesus is being crucified.

What remarkable words do we hear from Jesus just before our reading in verse 34?

What role might these words have played in vv. 40-43?

Pontius Pilate had posted a plaque above Jesus' head (v.38) to which the Jews vehemently objected. That sign was written in 3 languages:

A _____ L _____ and G _____.
(John 19:20)

Why three languages?

What did the mocking criminal want Jesus to do for him?

What did the repentant criminal ask Jesus to do for him?

Discuss the differences.

What marvelous confessions did the repentant criminal make about Jesus?

What did Jesus mean by the word, “Today...?”

In what ways does the conversation between Jesus and the repentant criminal underscore the Bible teaching of salvation by grace, through faith?

Bible Connections:

The Old Testament spoke of the coming Messiah (Jesus) as king.

Psalm 2 emphasizes this king's _____

Jeremiah 23:4-6 emphasizes his _____

The last book of the Bible portrays Jesus as King. What pictures do you see in:

Revelation 6:1,2:

Revelation 19:11,12,16:

Why the differences in appearance? Are they describing the same person?

Application:

Why is the conversation between Jesus and the repentant criminal so powerful and meaningful for us?

Jesus rules over 3 kingdoms: the kingdom of grace (hearts) of power (universe) and of glory (heaven).

Which one is the most reassuring to you? Why?

What does it mean to you that as a believer in Jesus, you will one day reign with the King in heavenly glory?

Closing Prayer Thought:

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes—

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray.
Come quickly, King of Kings! Amen. CW#25:1,5