

Introduction:

- Funny's
 - When is a 'piece of wood' like a King? Answer: When it's a ruler!
 - When a King has back problems - what is the usual diagnosis? Answer: An aKING back
 - What do Richard the Lionheart and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Answer: The same middle name!
 - Why did the King go to the dentist? Answer: To get his teeth crowned!
- This Kingdom is so attractive! Meaning it must draw us into it.
 - JTB preached the Kingdom and it drew people in. Jesus preached the Kingdom and it drew people in. Please pray for me. I want to understand this Kingdom and receive this Kingdom so well and present it so clearly that you will want it.
- *"Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness."* (Matthew 4:23, NLT)
- *"From there he went all over Galilee. He used synagogues for meeting places and taught people the truth of God. God's kingdom was his theme—that beginning right now they were under God's government, a good government! He also healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives.* The Message (Mt 4:23)

I. How Is A King Seen?

- A. Rent times:
 - 1. Most monarchies are ridiculed today.
 - 2. Monarchies have been overthrown by today's freedom fighters to bring democracy and we rejoice and think it is good. Many need to be overthrown because of corruption and lost morals. But let us not forget that many democracies today are plagued with problems, corruption and defects.
 - 3. Many nations have had kings and they did not like it.
- B. Yet Jesus did not preach democracies, presidents and prime ministers. He preached-KINGDOM!!! He brought up no other form of government.
 - 1. The Gospel was the Kingdom. The Good News was the Kingdom!
 - 2. The Kingdom was His principle message.
 - 3. His message was overshadowed in the OT.
 - a) *"Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.' This is the message you must give to the people of Israel."* (Exodus 19:5-6, NLT)
 - b) *"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!"* (Isaiah 9:6-7, NLT)
- C. The NT has so much to say about the Kingdom!

1. What is a kingdom? In its simplest form it is the government of a king.
2. It is the sovereign rulership and governing influence of a king over his territory.
3. A kingdom is the governing impact of a king's will over a territory or domain, his influence over a people and a government led by a king.
4. The very heart of any kingdom is its king. Heaven exists because of the creative activity of God. He created it! He rules over it!
 - a) Without a king there is no kingdom. The king is the central component of the kingdom.
 - b) In a democracy the constitution is the center of the government, not the president or prime minister. Presidents come and go but the constitution stands. In a kingdom the king is the constitution...his word is law.
5. The king is the only source of authority in his kingdom. *"When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law."* (Matthew 7:28-29, NLT)
6. The sovereignty of a king is inherent in his royal authority. Sovereign means to be free from all external control. The king is free to do as he wants with not accountability to anyone else.

II. Distinguishing Features Of A King

- A. A king is never voted into power. His power is inherent from birth. Democratic leaders are elected. Dictators seize power. But a king is born into power.
- B. A king is king by birthright. It is not conferred by men. We do not make Him King. He is king. Elected leaders rule by the will of the people. Dictators rule by fear and oppression. Jesus was born King.
- C. A king cannot be voted out of power. Because his power comes by birth. A president is voted out. A dictator is overthrown. But kingship is lifelong. The King of Heaven reigns by right of creation. He will never be dethroned. Lucifer tried... Jesus was King before it all began. He will be King when it is all over. *"...there were loud voices shouting in heaven: "The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.""* (Revelation 11:15, NLT)
- D. A King's authority is absolute. That is why he is not a president. He does not answer to a congress. When a king speaks he speaks with absolute authority.
- E. A king's word is law. *"The instructions (law) of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair."* (Psalm 19:7-9, NLT)
- F. A king owns everything in his domain. Presidents and elected leaders do not. Dictators do not but what they do own comes by fraud and corruption. *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him."* (Psalm 24:1, NLT) *"For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills."* (Psalm 50:10, NLT)
- G. A king's decree is unchanging. *"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever."* (Isaiah 40:8, NLT) *"Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear."* (Matthew 24:35, NLT) IE. Darius could not change his decree that is why Daniel ended up in a lions den.

- H. A king chooses who will be a citizen. A democracy choose who will be it leader. A dictator uses citizens as a tool of the state. The king determines the standard of his citizens,. Jn 15: 16-ff *"You did not choose me I chose you and I appointed you."*
- I. A king embodies the government of his kingdom. Where ever he goes his government goes. When a king speaks his government speaks. A king and his government are inseparable. The Kingdom is here because the King is here. *"Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:18-20, NLT)
- J. When a king is present so is his authority. He authority does not reside in a document but in Him. This is why citizens of heaven can act with authority because the King abides with in them. *"I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."* (Matthew 18:18, NLT) *"You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"* (John 14:13-14, NLT)
- K. A king's wealth is measure by his property. That is why Spain, England, Portugal as speed their empire. It provides more for their citizens. Our King owns it all therefore we are well provided for.
- L. A king's name is the essence of his authority. Nehemiah received a letter from the king to grant the Israelites authority to pass through the territory and to get wood from the Kings forest.

III. A King Is Always "Lord"

- A. Every king is automatically Lord. Lordship is what make a king unique. Lord does not exist in our language anymore except for the use of 'landlord'. Owner of the land. A lord is owner. A king relates to dominion while lord relates to domain. Without a domain there is no king.
- B. Things to note:
 1. If the king owns everything then everyone in the kingdom owns nothing. In a true kingdom there is no such thing as private ownership. Kingdom subjects are stewards not owners.
 2. If the king owns it all he can give anything to anyone at anytime by his own choice.
 3. In a democracy is the president or other officials give you something it is called personal favor or corruption. If a king gives your property it is a royal favor and no one can protest it.
- C. My Lord
 1. Throughout the OT God is called Adonai which basically means owner. *"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."* (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NLT) *"May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The heavens belong to the Lord, but he has given the earth to all humanity."* (Psalm 115:15-16, NLT) Ps 24:1-2; Ex 7:5; Ps 8:1; Ps 22:26-28
 2. In the NT the Greek word for Lord is kurios. One who has power, authority, Master.
 3. It is the Lordship factor that makes living in a kingdom way better than a republic. Because it destroys competition for resources. The king gives as he sees fit. And when he gives it is for stewardship not ownership.

- a) This is why the confession, "Jesus is Lord!" is so important. He is Lord of everything! Our goods, lives, destinies.
- b) THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS LORDSHIP WITHOUT OBEDIENCE. IE. If He is Lord you cannot say, "Lord...but" or "Lord...except, wait, etc." All you can say is "Yes!"
 - (1) *"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23, NLT)*
 - (2) *""If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine." (Matthew 10:37-38, NLT)*
 - (3) *"Another of his disciples said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father." But Jesus told him, "Follow me now. Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead."" (Matthew 8:21-22, NLT)*
 - (4) ***** *""So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?" (Luke 6:46, NLT)*

Conclusion:

- Jesus is a good King.
- Therefore Jesus is a good Lord.
- What kind of subject will you be?
- Invitation to become subjects of Jesus.