

Discussion Questions

- What are the enemies that we face, and how has Christ dealt with those enemies?
- What is significant about the resurrection of Jesus Christ as it pertains to victory over Satan, Sin, and Death?

Day 5 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

It's been stated somewhere that "The millennium is a thousand years of peace that Christians love to fight about." There is much debate in our time, as in many times past about the timing and circumstances surrounding the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Will he come back to rescue us, as if plucking us from the roof top of a burning building, right before it collapses into flames? Will he be welcomed back to a glorious, conquered kingdom where all are loyal subjects waiting for his return? Much ink has been spilled propounding one view or another of the end of all things. But one thing that all Christians everywhere, and in all times can agree on. This is it: Jesus, who is the King, will return. The picture that we get of Jesus from the book of Revelation is that the lamb who was slain is become the Lion of Judah. If not before, then certainly on that day, the oldest prophecy regarding Christ as king will ring true. *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.* Genesis 49:10. The reason why we love fairy tale stories is because they are an echo of the truest story of all- There was a beloved young woman who lost her way in the wood and came under the spell of a wicked and ancient foe. A prince leaves his home to find and save the woman and strike down the enemy with a fierce wrath. The prince takes the woman to his castle and receives the kingdom from his father. And they lived happily ever after.

Discussion Questions

- What does it look like to be watching and waiting for the return of Christ?
- What can we be doing while we wait for the return of Christ?

Baptist Catechism

Family Worship Guide



West Oaks Baptist Church

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Baptist Catechism Question #29

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of king?

A: *Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling, and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.*

Suggested Memory Verse

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Day 1 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

One of the most famous bible stories is David and Goliath. Goliath is called a “champion” and stood over nine feet tall. He had an impressive array of weapons and armor. Not only was he exceedingly large, but he was also an experienced warrior. David, on the other hand was a “youth,” too small to wear any of Saul’s armor. He approached Goliath with his staff, sling, and a handful of stones. David, of course was victorious, slaying the giant and sending the enemies of Israel to flight. It’s common to hear moralistic teachings about David. With good intentions, some pastors may even tell their congregation things like “Be a David” or “Slay the giants in your life,” as if the giant in the biblical story represented the problems you face. Some have proposed that if we want to identify with any characters in the story, we should associate ourselves with the frightened Israelites who put up with the taunts of the giant for forty days! But even that may be assuming too much. Christ, we are told is King. In fact the word “Christ” is a Greek word for “anointed one,” a title from the old testament referring to the King of Israel. Jesus won a decisive victory over Satan on the cross and sent the enemies of God to flight. All of us either are, or were at one time, opposed to God. We stood with Goliath against Christ and his kingdom, taunting God with high handed sin and rebellion. Like the Philistines, who had trusted in their champion, we must now either surrender to the victorious Jesus, or else flee from Him and perish.

Discussion Question

- In the biblical story, are we most like David, the Israelites, or the Philistines? Do you want to be the hero of your story, or is there another, better hero than you?
- How were we God’s enemies? How do we know what side we’re on?

Day 2 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Have you ever watched a TV show where the last episode of the season is a real cliffhanger? At the end of Matthew’s gospel, we get a whirlwind account of the resurrection, and he ends his gospel account in dramatic fashion. He leaves us with these words- Matt 28 18-20 *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Jesus, as king has been given all authority by his Father. He lends that authority to the apostles, who are instructed to go and make disciples of all the nations. The apostles, then receive their commission from Christ, as his ambassadors. They spread the message of King Jesus, and his kingdom. Listen to what the Apostle Paul said: Acts 17 30-31 *In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.* Paul notes that the idolatrous rejection of God by the Gentiles was no longer tolerated. Jesus as king is standing in judgment of the nations. Since Christ was victorious over the enemy death, now everyone, everywhere owes their allegiance to him.

Discussion Questions

- Explain what it means that Christ has “all authority?”
- What are some implications for those who serve the King if Jesus has all authority?

Day 3 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

On Day one we looked at Christ and how he was pre-figured in the story of David and Goliath. Jesus, much like David, was God’s anointed King who threw down Satan and took away his armor. Christ’s victory (through his own death on the cross) sent God’s enemies into hiding and resulted in his exaltation to the right hand of his Father, where He now rules and reigns. Jesus gives us a picture of his rulership as he is teaching in Mark 3:27 - *No one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house.* In this parable, the strong man is Satan, and Jesus ties him up and takes away his possessions. Christ began his ministry of deliverance for those who suffered from evil spirits. It was accomplished fully on the cross. Jesus now rules from heaven and restricts and restrains the activity of Satan. Satan once had much sway over this world, and he’s still at work in those who reject Christ. But Christ’s rule has now brought the evil one to heel and protects his elect from the power of Satan.

Discussion Questions

- What are some other places in the bible that describe Jesus’s victory over Satan?
- Does it sometimes feel like Satan is winning? What can we do to find courage if we feel that we are losing the battle against sin?

Day 4 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

The earliest and most fundamental confession of the Christian faith is “Christ is Lord,” or *Christos Kyrios* in Greek. At a time when it was said that Caesar was *Kyrios*, to say that Christ is Lord was to say that there was another King. At Jesus’s crucifixion, John tells us *Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the jews.* Then we have this interesting observation by the Apostle: *Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.* John 19:19-20. So years before the confession was adopted by Christians, the pagan governor of Jerusalem made a public declaration that Jesus the Nazarene was king. Though the sign was hung to bring shame on Jesus, the statement was nonetheless true! Not only was he King of the Jews, but King of Gentiles, and King of Kings as well. Jesus our king, as we have noted several times over the past few days, is King and has conquered all our enemies. Satan has been thrown down, sin has lost its power and death itself, enemy of all mortal men, was undone when Christ rose from the grave. “*Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?*” 1 Corinthians 15:15.