



# JESUS

THE TRUE KING

# Our new Series – Jesus the True King

- Look at ten kings from the Old Testament
- Consider their strengths (if any) and lessons we can learn
- Most important – in each message - consider how Christ is all that the kings should have been - and infinitely more
- Goal: to see how we (all mankind) fall so short, but God's grace is much greater
- Goal: to be drawn to worship The King of kings and seek to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into His image!



# Last week closed the message Three Muslims Have Decided

They have chosen to kiss the Son (Psalm 2) and  
reign with The King of kings - Whatever the cost

**What about us? Who is on our Throne?**



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# Today: King Saul

**Saul chose a self directed life**

**What was at the root of his choice?**

**How was it seen in his actions?**



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# 1. Saul is made King

- Background to Saul 1 Samuel chapters 8-10
- Bad start



# 1. Saul is made King

*“and they said to him, “Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us **like all the nations.**”” (1 Samuel 8:5, NASB95)*

*“The LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but **they have rejected Me from being king over them.**”*  
(1 Samuel 8:7, NASB95)



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- Saul is given very clear instructions about how to reign 1 Samuel chapter 10



## 2. Saul's Downfall 1 Samuel 15





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## 2. Saul's Downfall 1 Samuel 15

- **God's authority is clear v 1-3**
  - Lord sent me to anoint you king
  - Listen to His words!
  - Lord of Hosts ( Lord of God's armies)
  - Carry out my judgement – complete and absolute destruction (specific term) all to God



Be careful about v 3! This is what we see



This is a 'corner' of what God creates and sees!



## 2. Saul's Downfall 1 Samuel 15

- **Saul and the people disobey v 4-9**
  - Spares King Agag ( self serving)
  - Best of the animals
  - Kept good stuff
  - Not willing to destroy everything
  - Destroyed only what is bad and worthless
  - Later say kept them to sacrifice - remember they get to eat the sacrifices and they also kept the goods



## 2. Saul's Downfall 1 Samuel 15

### Heart of God v10-31

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- Saul doesn't carry out my commands

### Heart of Saul v10-31

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- Gave into the people (many times)
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## 2. Saul's Downfall 1 Samuel 15

### Heart of God v10-31

- Saul doesn't follow me
- Saul doesn't carry out my commands
- Wants obedience over sacrifice (things we give or do on our own)
- Wants us to listen to Him

### Heart of Saul v10-31

- Builds a monument to self
- Gave into the people (many times)
- Lord your God (many times)
- Feared the people
- Listened to (obeyed) people
- Wanted honour of elders more than God's honour



# 3. The Heart of Saul's Downfall and Ours

- ❖ He forgot who the true King is – God!
- ❖ God was not on the throne of his heart
- ❖ He thought he needed to protect his turf and worried about the people
- ❖ Rejected God's word
- ❖ Ultimately served himself
- ❖ This is what pride is – I want my way



# 3. The Heart of Saul's Downfall and Ours

❖ Genesis 3 all over again ( like last sermon)

**““You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”” (Genesis 3:4–5, NIV84)**

❖ This is the heart of man! We want to be King and direct our lives!

❖ Pride: I will be like God , chose right and wrong



### 3. The Heart of Saul's Downfall and Ours

*“Samuel said to Saul, “You have acted foolishly; **you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God**, which He commanded you... The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because **you have not kept what the LORD commanded you**.””*

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# 3. The Heart of Saul's Downfall and Ours

- Saul failed and we have failed
  - Hearts want our way and we don't listen
- Even when we try – we fail
- Thus we are under the guilt of past sins and under the guilt of continuing to fail





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## 4. Jesus the Humble King

### ❖ Jesus at his coming to take the form of a man(birth)

*“‘THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.’ ”” (Hebrews 10:7, NASB95)*

### ❖ Jesus’ baptism Matt. 3

*“and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”” (Matthew 3:17, NASB95)*

### ❖ Jesus temptation Matthew 4 “It is written” 3X



## 4. Jesus the Humble King

### ❖ Jesus in the garden before His death

*“And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet **not as I will, but as You will.**” (Matthew 26:39, NASB95)*

### ❖ Jesus is the ‘last Adam’ 1 Cor. 15:45

- ❖ He did what Adam nor we could not do
- ❖ He paid for what Adam and we did wrong and what we will do wrong



## 4. Jesus the Humble King

### ❖ Jesus obeyed and paid – He was made Lord and King

*“So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” (Acts 2:36, NLT)*

*“he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:8–11, NLT)*





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# The Lord Wants People after His Heart

**What about us? Who is on our Throne?  
My will or His will? Humility or Pride?**



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