



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

What Kind of King is this? November 24, 2019

Colossians 1:13-20

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

1. Did you ever daydream as a kid about being king? What were the things you would've done with all your power as king?
2. Now that you're older and you've experienced what it's like to have sinful human beings that govern our land, what are the most important qualities of a leader, ruler, or king?

3. Like Simba wandering off to the elephant graveyard, for what reasons are we constantly drawn to the "dominion of darkness"?
4. Compare Colossians 1:15-17 with John 1:1-5, Hebrews 1:1-4. How do these sections paint a picture of Jesus, the image of the invisible God?
5. Compare Colossians 1:18 with Ephesians 1:19-23. Why is the resurrection such a crucial part of Christ's kingship over all things?
6. The job of the Old Testament kings was to govern the people and lead them in fighting the battles. The Old Testament often prophesied about the coming king. See Jeremiah 23:5-6, Micah 5:2, Psalm 2. How does Jesus fulfill all those roles as king?
7. Agree or Disagree: When Jesus died on the cross, God died.