

THE LAST KINGDOM

Reclaiming the Plotline

The term "Christ" was originally a royal title meaning "Anointed One" or "King," not a name. And the message of the Gospel is not just about personal salvation, but about aligning with the reign of Jesus as King.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think of Jesus, do you think primarily in terms of the roles he played and the services he performed? Teacher. Forgiver. Comforter. Provider. Defender of the weak.
2. Were you raised to view Jesus as a means to an end? How did that manifest itself in your faith journey?
3. What is your initial reaction to this statement: *Jesus did not come to die; he came to reign.*
4. Read aloud **Matthew 28:16–20**, some of the last recorded words of Jesus. Listen for phrases that point to Jesus's primary role. What stands out to you?

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

5. Think of an area of uncertainty or difficulty in your life. How can remembering that Jesus is a king whose reign will never end give you hope in your situation?
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