

"He Reigns"

Matthew 25:31-46

It really is getting closer!

The celebration of the first Advent
The reality of the second Advent

Great anticipation at His birth:

People were expecting a King
He was worshiped as a king
He was threatened for being a king

Great confusion during His ministry:

His kingdom was declared to be near
His miracles proved he could be a king
His teaching redefined the kingdom

Great disappointment when He died:

He was accused of claiming to be king
He died as a defeated king
He was abandoned as a false king

Great hope at his resurrection

Death did not defeat him
His resurrection was well documented
His was lifted up into heaven

Great expectation for our coming King

He will come in glory
He will come to judge
He will come to reign

So what is a Christian to do?

Wait expectantly
Live faithfully
Let Him reign today

Who reigns in your life today?

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Expecting Our King

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