

Introduction:

1. A Note was Found written inside the cover of a Motel Room Bible:

“May God bless the man who placed this book here. I am a young lady twenty-one years old, fatherless and motherless. Tonight, This Book Saved Me from taking a wrong step. May the next reader find in it the comfort that I did.”

2. These words were found written on the inside page of a Bible in a motel room in Birmingham, Alabama.

- a. If It Wasn't For God's Word the Bible—We Wouldn't Know...
 - 1) How the World Began, Or How it Ends or Who Wins!
 - 2) We Wouldn't Know How to Be Saved From Our Condemnation of Sin
 - 3) We Wouldn't Know that God Loves Us and Gave His Own Son to Die for us
- b. There's a lot in life we don't know—but because of the Bible, We Do Know This...

That No Matter What Happens—God is on His Throne and Jesus is King

I. ARRIVAL OF THE KING

A. HIS ARRIVAL WAS ANTICIPATED (Matthew 2:1–2)

1. Wise Men from the East Searched for the King...

- a) Only Matthew records the visit of these mysterious searchers
- b) It is believed they were Scholars from the East (Babylon/Persia)
- c) The 1st Century Roman Historian Tacitus wrote that Throughout the East was an expectation of a king to arise out of Judea around the time of Christ...

2. Which Shouldn't Surprise us Because the Prophets Declared it (2:3–6)

- a) Not Much is Known of the Magi... simply because...
The Biblical text does Not emphasis WHO THEY ARE but WHAT THEY DID...
- b) They Traveled With 1 Question and for 1 Reason...
 - (1) “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?”
 - (2) For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

B. HIS ARRIVAL WAS A THREAT (Matthew 2:13)

1. A Threat to King Herod Who Didn't Care About Truth—Only About Power

- a) Jesus The King Is a Threat to the Power Paradigm of This World!
- b) Listen, If Jesus Was Just A Good Teacher He Would Not be a Threat...
- c) If He Was Just a Poet or Philosopher or Just a Good Man...
He Would Not Be a Threat...

2. But Jesus Didn't Claim to be a Good Person—He Came to Be King...

- a) That is What Created the Perfect Storm Leading to Golgotha...

3. Even as a Child, Jesus Was Forced Into Exile (2:14-16)

God warned Joseph and Mary in a Dream—GOD IS IN CONTROL!

II. REJECTION OF THE KING

A. JESUS DID NOT ARRIVE LOOKING LIKE A KING

1. He Was Not Surrounded by Royal Attendants...

- a) No Armed Guards or Hired Assistants
- b) He Owned No Possessions to Think Of...
- c) He Had No Home to Call His Own, no place to even lay His head.

2. When the Tyrant Alexander the Great Approached Jerusalem,

- a) Josephus records that the High Priest Met Him with a Delegation of Priests...
- b) and showed him where he was written about in the Bible that He would be victorious in battle against the Persian king Darius.
- c) Alexander the Great was so impressed he spared Jerusalem from Destruction.
- d) Of Course He Defeated Darius and knew the Prophecy was true

3. But When Jesus Approached Jerusalem, No High Priest met Him

- a) There was no Delegation Recognizing Where Jesus was written about in the Bible
- b) But the Common People knew Jesus was King (**Luke 19:35-40**)
- c) And even Then, Jesus Wept Over Jerusalem (**Lk 19:41-44**)

B. JESUS SPOKE WITH THE AUTHORITY OF KING

1. His Demands that Were Greater than that of Solomon and Moses

2. He Told Parables That Held the Destinies of Men in His Hands

3. He Spoke in the Language of Eternity, Not Prosperity...

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." (Mt 24:35 NIV)

4. And Jesus Knew the Hearts of Men...

5. He Comforted the Afflicted and Afflicted the Comfortable

C. JESUS DECLARED DIVINE AUTHORITY AS KING

1. And For That He Became an Enemy of the State (**John 11:45-53**)

- a) They Were Afraid of Jesus! Afraid of His Authority, Afraid of His Power
- b) Afraid of the Bright Light of Truth that Exposed Their Dark Hearts...

"He was too great for his disciples. And in view of what he plainly said, is it any wonder that all who were rich and prosperous felt a horror of strange things, a swimming of their world at his teaching? Perhaps the priests and the rulers and the rich men understood him better than his followers. He was dragging out all the little private reservations they had made... into the light of a universal religious life.

In the white blaze of this kingdom of His there was to be no property, no privilege, no pride and precedence; no motive indeed and no reward but love. Is it any wonder that men were dazzled and blinded and cried out against him? Even his disciples cried out when he would not spare them the light.

"Is it any wonder that the priests realized that between this man and themselves there was no choice but that he or the priestcraft should perish? Is it any wonder that the Roman soldiers, confronted and amazed by something soaring over their comprehension and threatening all their disciplines, should take refuge in wild laughter, and crown him with thorns and robe him in purple and make a mock Caesar of him?"

For to take him seriously was to enter upon a strange and alarming life, to abandon habits, to control instincts and impulses, to essay an incredible happiness....

Is it any wonder that to this day this Galilean is too much for our small hearts?" (HG Wells)

2. Jesus Claim as King Created the Perfect Storm...

- a) Leading to a Barren Hill Outside Jerusalem Called Golgotha: 'Place of the Skull'
 - b) The Final Battle Ground Between God and Satan
 - c) The Battle Over Who Would Be King of the Kingdom and the Hearts of Men
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III. CRUCIFIXION OF THE KING

A. THE CHARGE—THAT JESUS CLAIMED TO BE KING (Lk 23:1-3)

Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."

Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

He answered him and said, "It is as you say."

B. THE TRIAL

1. Pilate Knew He was Being Manipulated by the Jewish Rulers

- a) And He Tried to Release Jesus
- b) But the Rulers Knew They Could Exploit the Politician Pilate with This Charge of Treason against the Caesar...

2. Pilate Questioned Jesus Again, looking for a way out (Jn 18:33-38)

- a) Jesus said: 'My Kingdom is Not of This World'

3. (Jn 19:12-16) The Jewish Rulers said 'We Have No King But Caesar'

C. THE CRUCIFIXION (John 19:16-19)

1. And While the King Was on the Cross They Ridiculed Him

- a) Unaware that Jesus could've called down 10 Legions of Angels!
- b) But Even on the Cross, Some Still Recognized the King (Lk 23:42-46)

2. The Charge Against Jesus was Placed on the Cross above Jesus:

- a) This is Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews
- b) This is where a criminal charge was always placed, the Crime of the Criminal

3. This Charge Written on Paper was called a Titulus (John 19:19-22)

- a) In Ancient Times a certificate of debt that was owed, was written on paper
The in Greek was called a Titulus
- b) When This Debt Was Paid—One Word Was Written Across the Certificate of Debt—
— [τετέλεσται, tetelestai]

4. Within Seconds of His Last Breath—Jesus Declared this very word!

- a) "He said, ***"It is finished!"*** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit." (Jn 20:30)
- b) In English this is three words... but in Greek its is One: Tetelestai, It is Finished!

5. It is Complete, Accomplished—PAID IN FULL!

- a) Jesus Paid the Ransom Price to Buy Us Back from the Slavery and Penalty of Sin
- b) To Pay Our Debt in Full by His Blood on the Cross.

IV. RESURRECTION OF THE KING

A. THE KING WAS KILLED—BUT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD

1. According to the Divine Plan of God! (Acts 2:23 NASB)
2. The Battle Was Not Between
 - a) Jesus and Pilate, or Jesus and the High Priest
 - b) or the even the Emperor of Rome...
3. The Battle Was Between God and Satan...
 - a) A Battle Over Who Would Be King of God's Kingdom and King of the Hearts of Men

B. JESUS IS NOW KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

1. He is the Lord of Both the Living and the Dead
 - a) (Romans 14:9) "For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living."

C. JESUS CHRIST

1. Arrived as King...
 2. Was Rejected as King...
 3. Was Crucified as King
 4. Was Resurrected as King...
 5. and He Now Rules as King...
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V. VICTORY OF THE KING

A. IN THE REVELATION WE SEE A THRONE...

1. But it's Not Politicians or Bureaucrats on the Throne
2. Not the U.N. or the European Union on the Throne
3. Not Caesars or Dictators or Military Commanders on the Throne
4. Not Techno-Billionaires who think they're the Masters of Universe

B. GOD IS ON HIS THRONE—AND JESUS IS KING!

1. You Think the Enemies of God will Get Away w/ their Rebellion?
2. What Does the Bible Say? (Revelation 19:11-21)

CONCLUSION

1. As the Young Woman Had Written in that Bible *'Tonight this book saved me...'*
2. We Need to Keep the Faith—To Trust And Obey the King! (Romans 8:31–39)
3. Only Jesus Has the Power to Set You Free
To Make You Become What You Were Meant To Be