

Allegiance 2 Sermon Outline

Series Title: *Allegiance: All In for the King*

Message Title: *Jesus Is the King*

Primary Texts: Romans 1:3–4, Acts 2:22–36, Philippians 2:5–11

Big Idea: The gospel is the royal announcement that Jesus has been enthroned as King—and He now calls us to respond with allegiance.

Introduction: What Do We Mean by “Jesus Is King”?

- Many Christians use the phrase “Jesus is Lord” or “Jesus is King,” but what does that *really* mean?
- This message answers three key questions:
 1. What does Scripture mean when it calls Jesus King?
 2. How did He become King?
 3. How do we live under His kingship?

Point 1: Jesus Has Always Been the Promised King

Key Text: Romans 1:3–4

- Jesus is both **Son of David (human, royal descent)** and **Son of God in power (divine authority)**.
- These verses show a **contrast**:
 - *Verse 3:* Jesus in weakness, humility, mortality—“according to the flesh.”
 - *Verse 4:* Jesus in power, divinity, exaltation—“by the Spirit of holiness” through resurrection.
- Jesus didn’t become King *after* He rose—He was always King. The resurrection publicly **declares** and **installs** Him.
- Quote from N.T. Wright (*Paul: A Biography*):
“The resurrection was not simply God saying, ‘Here is someone who escaped death.’ It was God saying, ‘This is the world’s true Lord.’”
- Implication: Jesus is not just one spiritual leader among many—He is **the rightful ruler of all creation**.

Point 2: Jesus Became King Through the Cross and Resurrection

Key Texts: Acts 2:22–36; Philippians 2:5–11

Acts 2:

- Pentecost was the *first public royal announcement* after the resurrection.
- Peter connects:
 - Jesus' ministry → Crucifixion → Resurrection → **Exaltation**
 - "God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36)
- This is not just about forgiveness—it's about enthronement.

Philippians 2:

- Jesus "emptied himself," took the form of a servant, and became obedient to death—even death on a cross.
- Because of this, **God exalted Him** and gave Him the name above every name.
- This is the upside-down path to glory: **humility before exaltation, service before coronation.**
- Reflection: "What other king dies for His people before asking for their allegiance?"

Point 3: Jesus Now Reigns as Lord—So We Live with Allegiance

Key Text: Acts 2:36

- To say "Jesus is Lord" is not just theological—it's **political, personal, and practical.**
- In the first century, saying "Jesus is Lord" meant **Caesar is not.**
- Today, saying "Jesus is Lord" means:
 - **Money is not.**
 - **Success is not.**
 - **Political party is not.**
 - **Social media is not.**
 - **My feelings are not.**

Cultural Connection:

- In a world of identity confusion, celebrity worship, and anxiety culture, we are tempted to find salvation in performance, politics, or pleasure.
- Example: Social media constantly tells us we're not enough—we need to do more, be more, post more.
- But Jesus is the only King who offers rest, identity, and resurrection life—not as a reward for performance, but as a gift of grace.

Application:

- **Jesus doesn't want to be your spiritual consultant—He's your King.**
- Allegiance means:
 - Reordering our priorities.
 - Letting His Word guide our decisions.
 - Living not for self, but for the King.

Conclusion & Invitation

- Jesus is not running for King—He *is* King.
- The question is not, “Will you vote for Him?” but, “Will you surrender to Him?”
- Real good news: You don’t have to earn the King’s approval. He already died for you, rose for you, and now reigns with open arms.
- Respond with trust, surrender, and allegiance.