

# King of Kings

Jesus is King over every **HUMAN CONDITION** Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus addressed and/or demonstrated authority over...

- Biology** - at His birth Matt. 1:18
- Sickness** – cured every kind of disease Matthew 4:22-23
- Nature** – calm the Storm, fishing Matthew 8:23-27
- Forgiveness of sins** – only God can do this Matthew 9:2
- Relationships** – healthy relationship skills Matthew 10:37
- Truth** – both objective and narrative (subjected) truth;  
He was never stumped but frequently stumped the experts  
Matthew 22:41-46
- Sorrow/Grief** – hurt, loss, tears, anger Mark 3:1-6, Isaiah 53:1-5
- Spirit World** – demons, Satan Mark 5:1-20
- Death** – raised people, then Himself Luke 7:11-17
- Government** overreach – obeyed the authority He gave to them  
John 19:10-11
- Salvation** – no other name given among men to be saved  
Acts 4:12

Conclusions:

Jesus came into a messy **WORLD** through a messy **MANGER**  
to help us deal with our messy **LIVES**.

Jesus encountered EVERY human condition and showed how to keep  
life in its proper **PERSPECTIVE** and proper order of **PRIORITY**

Jesus came to **EDUCATE** us; to **SUSTAIN** us; to help us  
**OVERCOME**; and to one day **RESTORE** every human condition

Jesus sympathizes; He is worthy of our **TRUST** and the  
**ENTRUSTING** of our messy lives to Him

Hebrews 4:16; <sup>16</sup> Therefore let's approach the **throne of grace**  
with **confidence**, so that we may **receive mercy** and **find grace** for  
**help** at the time of *our* need.'

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – December 19, 2021

**Hebrews 4:15-16** *For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need.*

### DISCOVER

1. What's the difference between a manager or leader who sympathizes and one who does not? Which one would you willingly follow, emulate, and give your loyalty to?
2. Do you tend to see Jesus as "God, powerful, superior" or "human, humble, lowly"? Explain.

### EXPLORE (read Hebrews 4:14-16)

1. According to Mosaic Law, the appointments of High Priest and King could not come from the same lineage. They were mutually exclusive of each other. Yet, Jesus, by way of His sovereignty, was the only One who could fulfill both roles. If you could sum up each role of High Priest and King in one word, what would you say? How well do these descriptors fit Jesus? Discuss how these two roles were necessary for the sake of humanity.
2. In v. 15, the author says that Jesus was "*tempted in all things, just as we are, yet without sin,*" meaning, He was tempted but did not yield to sin. Does this idea disqualify Him from being able to be our Perfect Empathizer of every human condition? Explain.
3. The term "throne of grace" reflects a fine balance between the reverent authority of God and being accepted by Him. Discuss the implications of this balance.

### EXPERIENCE

1. We learned this past Sunday that Jesus is King over every possible human condition. What does this mean in terms of achieving victory over difficult life circumstances? For instance, how would this truth impact a life-long broken relationship? Or cancer that is going to win? What bearing, if any, does Matthew 6:33 have on these trying situations?
2. In the Hebrews passage above, the author tells us that Jesus can sympathize with us because He entered into our messy world as a human being. Does this mean that Jesus tolerates our sin? What "weaknesses" do you experience that you are most thankful that Jesus can identify with?
3. What most often keeps you from drawing near to God: distraction, pride, fear, shame, other?

### PRAY

*Pray...Our Gracious God and Father, I am overwhelmed by Your plans for me. I can scarcely take in that You would come to this sin-filled world as my King and High Priest so that I can confidently approach You as You sit upon the throne of grace. Thank You that I can bring all my cares to You, knowing that You well-understand everything that I am facing. Keep me ever-mindful of this amazing privilege.*

Action...Given what we learned about Jesus' understanding of our human conditions, what do you think God would have you do this coming week?