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## God is King Pt 2 Christ was King of the Jews

This is our second teaching from the scriptures on the topic – “God is King”. In our first study we established– (i) an earthly king sits on a throne, and reigns over a kingdom, (2) God Almighty sits on a throne in heaven and reigns over the earth, and (3) Israel rejected God from being their king and reigning over them. In this study we establish– (1) The Son of God was foretold that he would have a throne– be King, and (2) Jesus was King of the Jews, and (3) The children on Israel rejected Messiah from being their King and crucified him.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

**1. The Son of God was foretold that He would have a throne– be King**  
“Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre” (Ps.45:6). See also Heb.1: 8.

**2. Jesus was King of the Jews – He was born King of the Jews**

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?” (Matt.2: 1 & 2)

**3. The chief priest and elders rejected Christ as their king.**

“And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend...and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar” (Jn.19: 12, 14, 15).

**Illustration**

Both Jesus and Paul used the scriptures to show that Jesus was Christ (Messiah – King) and that he must suffer and rise from the dead. But today that is a very hard road to walk with a Jew to whom we have an opportunity to witness. Why? Because blindness is in part happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in, because they, as a nation, rejected their King, their Messiah.

**Question to think about.**

Why would the nation of Israel reject their Messiah, God's only begotten Son as King?

**Answer from the scriptures**

\* Envy – which is covetousness and jealousy – no man taught like him, no man did miracles like him. As Israel in the Old Testament rejected God the Father from being their King – they coveted the other nations who had a king.

\* They feared the people – Lk.22: 2– “

\* They feared Jesus because all the people were astonished at his doctrine– Mk.11:18

\* evil heart of unbelief– Lk.22: 66, 67, c.f. Heb 3:12.

We conclude by making an application of this teaching to today– whereas Israel rejected Christ as their Messiah and King, we choose to honour Him as our King, until next week when we establish from the scriptures that He is also King of those in Christ today! Until then, let not the spirit that dwelt in Israel dwell in us –the spirit that “lusteth to envy” (Jam.4: 5) lest we be consumed by jealousy and covetousness.