

God the Father installed Christ as King by orchestrating a wide-ranging, complex, and dangerous plan—sacrificing His own Son’s life while saving His people in the process. He used the enemy’s elite forces like puppets to pave the way for the coming Kingdom.

**The Bible is the story of planetary redemption.**

Ever since the beginning, the God has been releasing hints & prophesies about the grand plan of redemption for the world. Christ would be installed as King, and kingdom citizens would be brought in.

- The interrogation of Jesus by Pilate is a key moment in Christ’s installation as King.
- The Sanhedrin (the chief priests / religious leaders) while hellbent on killing Jesus, still had to navigate Jesus’ popularity with the crowds as well as Roman law.

Jesus confirmed his Kingship while clearly stating that he was not a normal king in the sense that Pilate would naturally suspect.

**Mark 15:2:** *And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.”*

***There is a new King***

God is using this event to fulfill His predestined plan: to declare a new King and to save His people.

The Apostles Creed: says: *“He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.”*

In Acts 4:23-28, the early church prays. They tie the Pilate interrogation to the “kingly” Psalms 2, attributing the kingship to Jesus Christ; and recognizing it all as God’s predestined plan.

**Psalm 2:2 (Acts 4:26):** *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed...’*

**God by his incredible power arranges and dictates all events towards His own ends.** Even the actions of His enemies.

God maneuvered the world’s superpower into making these three very public, key statements about Jesus:

- **He is completely innocent of all sin**, allowing him to be the sacrificial lamb to pay the penalty of sin for all who believe
- **He is the one and only perfect man**, completely sinless; the prototype of all future redeemed mankind after the final resurrection
- **He is the one and only King of Kings**, who rules all, who has all authority, who sits on the throne, and who will come again to judge and rule in all goodness and righteousness

**Psalm 2 attributes fearsome power to Christ as King of Kings.** This power must, by definition, extend past our private internal beliefs into ALL areas of society.

***How then shall we live?***

Do we side with “Jesus” Barabbas the son of Satan, or with *JESUS Christ, the Savior-king, the embodiment of truth?*

**The transfer of power has been completed. Christ has been installed as King.** John 12:31: *Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. That happened, Jesus said it, and we must believe it.*

1. **Listen to the King**, because He has spoken. **Read and obey** His authoritative word – the Bible, guide for life.
2. **Trust the King**. If He’s your King, and one who holds all power and authority, then you can trust Him.
3. **Worship the King**. If Christ your King holds ALL power in the universe, then the only rational thing to do is to worship Him. All of life can be worship when lived for Christ according to His word.