My Kingdom is Not of this World

Phil Robertson · John 18:33–40

INTRODUCTION

- When you get your mind right, and you get your heart right, and you remember who Jesus is, there is a peace that guards you no matter what's going on around you.
- What if there was a king who every decision that he made, every action that he did, and every thought of his heart was not about himself, but was always for the good of the people?

1 My Kingdom Is Not of This World

John 18:33–36

- Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting that I might not be delivered over to the Jews.
- This becomes really the first thing that Jesus is going to say about his kingship. My kingdom is totally unique.
- I believe Jesus had something more simple in mind when he said, My kingdom is not of this world. He actually explains it in the following things that he says to Pilate.

2 My Kingdom Is Not by Force

- My kingdom is not by force. You see, if I was really like one of all the other kings in the world, then I'd be fighting.
- He heals the one who is there to mischaracterize him, to falsely accuse him, and arrest him.
- He rides in on what scripture describes is a colt or a donkey, a baby donkey.
- But he doesn't do that. He goes to church. He goes to the temple to pray.

3 He Establishes His Authority by Offering Words

John 18:37; Matthew 5:3–10; Matthew 6:19–20

- For this purpose I was born, and for this purpose I've come into the world to bear witness to the truth. And everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.
- In his kingdom, he will establish his authority by merely offering words.
- He doesn't twist an arm, he doesn't threaten.
- Don't store up treasures on the earth where moth and rust destroys and where thieves break in and steal. What you need is to learn how to give.
- My people do not focus on worldly cares. They long for a harvest of hearts.

4 He Still Claims to Be a King

Matthew 28:18–20

- All authority has been given to me on heaven and on earth.

- He has a kingdom that doesn't have borders on a map.
- It lives in his words because it lives in the hearts of those who believe in him.
- The Lord never refers to his people as sinners. They're saints.

5 Power Is True Power When It Is Restrained

John 18:38–40

- Pilate proclaims to all the people. Behold the man.
- This is a man who has unlimited power. And yet he chooses not to use any of it.
- Power is not power when it is forced. Power is true power when it is restrained.
- Even the Son of Man has not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

6 What If You Had a King?

Isaiah 53:4–5

- Jesus knows that power, authority is never greater than when we serve others before ourselves.
- What if you had a king who everything he did, every thought that he had, every desire of his heart was for the interest of others and not himself.
- That's what Jesus did when he took sin.
- He was crushed for our iniquities. So that we could be made whole.

THE CHALLENGE

Who's your king? Who's your king? Can I invite you to consider King Jesus? Can I invite you to open up your mind and open up your heart to his teachings?

MY NOTES