



Sovereign King

WARM-UP

- Have you ever been assigned to lead a group? How was your experience?
- Are there rules (e.g., at home, at school) you wish weren't in place? Why? What are they?
- Have you experienced serving under leaders that you did not like? What happened?

WORD *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."* **MATTHEW 28:18**

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus. He has absolute and sovereign control over His kingdom, whether in heaven or on earth. Today, we will look at areas where Jesus is sovereign and how this truth affect our lives.

1 Jesus is sovereign over all.

⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

COLOSSIANS 2:9,10

Jesus is the head of all rule and authority. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Because we have received Jesus as Lord and Savior, He must be sovereign in all areas of our lives. How must we respond to God and His Word knowing that He is sovereign?

2 Jesus is sovereign over sin and death.

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:56,57**

Jesus proved that He was triumphant over sin and death when He died on the cross and resurrected on the third day. He is triumphant because He lived a sinless life despite the temptations He faced. He invites us sinners to a relationship with Him because He also wants us to experience this victory. Now we can be presented before God as *holy, blameless, and above reproach* (Colossians 1:22). How does knowing that Jesus has triumphed over sin and death encourage you to overcome struggles with sin?

3 Jesus' sovereignty gives us confidence in His mission.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **MATTHEW 28:18-20**

Because we have been saved by Him and are now following Him, Jesus gave us a mission to go into all the world and *make disciples*, so that others can know and experience His victory over sin and death. His sovereignty and authority over all gives us the confidence to fulfill this calling that has been given to us. This means that we can preach the gospel to anyone anywhere and encourage others to follow Jesus as well. How does this truth encourage you to preach the gospel to someone you think is unwilling to receive Jesus?

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APPLICATION

- Knowing that Jesus Christ is sovereign, how can you let Him take command? How can you continue to know Him in a deeper way?
- What are some areas in your life that you haven't surrendered to the sovereignty of God? Take time today to pray for these areas.
- Think of two people who need to know that Jesus is sovereign over all despite their circumstances. Commit to encourage them with your personal testimony this week.

