

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Jesus the King IS seated at the right hand of GOD

Message Reflection Guide

He who was once despised and rejected by men now occupies the honorable position of a beloved and honored Son. The right hand of God is the place of majesty and favor. Our Lord Jesus is His **people's representative**. **When He died for them, they had rest; when He rose again for them, they had liberty; when He sat down at His Father's right hand, they had favor and honor and dignity.** The raising and elevation of Christ is the elevation, the acceptance, and the glorifying of all His people, for He is their head and representative. This sitting at the right hand of God, then, is to be viewed as the reception of the Representative and therefore the acceptance of our souls.

The right hand is the place of power. Christ at the right hand of God has all the power in heaven and on earth. Who will fight against the people who have such power vested in their Captain? My soul, what can destroy you if Omnipotence is your helper? If the protection of the Almighty covers you, what sword can harm you? Be sure of this: If Jesus is your all-prevailing King and has trampled your enemies beneath His feet, if sin, death, and hell are all defeated by Him, and you are represented in Him, there exists no possibility of your being destroyed. – **Charles Spurgeon**

CONVERSATION STARTER

If you were truly "indestructible", what would you do with that superpower? Ex: catch a bullet in your mouth.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read Hebrews 10:1-13 On Sunday Pastor Jason said "Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father, His church has been established, and He calls us to be His influencers." Why is the law referred to as a "shadow"? Jesus is the head of the church, what are the dangers of a church getting ahead of or ignoring the direction of Jesus?

Read Luke 22:66-69 **Jesus' position assures us that He has power, authority and dominion.** What caused the religious leaders to be threatened by Jesus? What did Jesus mean when he called himself the 'Son of Man'? What current concern in your life causes you to doubt that Jesus will exercise His power, authority and dominion?

Read Isaiah 41:10 **Jesus' posture assures us that He is resting and working.** This passage refers to "my righteous right hand". Describe righteous in your own words. What are some unrighteous behaviors or attitudes that you need God's help with? Jesus is resting and working at the same time. What does that tell you about the nature and character of Jesus?

Read 1 John 2:1-6 **Jesus' prayers assure us that we are not alone.** We all need an advocate; someone to stand up for us. What makes Jesus the perfect advocate between us and God? How do you feel about being a bold and consistent influencer for Jesus and the Kingdom?

CHALLENGE

Jesus makes His power available to us, how often do you try to do things in your own strength? Jesus is resting and working, how well are you doing at balancing work, ministry and rest? Jesus is praying for us as we influence others with the Gospel, who are you intentionally influencing right now?