

Jesus Mission

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” – Luke 4:18-19

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” – Luke 19:10

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. – John 10:10b

So [...], they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” – Acts 1:6

A King – Riding into Battle

‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

- Matthew 21:5

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. – Revelation 19:11

Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

– Philippians 2:6-8

A King – Appeared Defeated

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus [...] And kneeling before him, **they mocked him**, saying, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

– Matthew 27:27-31

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. **But my kingdom is not from the world.**” Then Pilate said to him, **“So you are a king?”** – John 18:36

And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, **“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”** Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself!

If you are **the Son of God**, come down from the cross.” So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. **For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”** – Matthew 27:37-43

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me[...] And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. – Matthew 27:45-46, 50

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. [...] And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

– Mark 16:1-6

A King – Risen

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

– Hebrews 9:22

Therefore he [Jesus] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. – Hebrews 9:15

It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and **raised for our justification.**

– Romans 4:24-25

Justification [NW1828]: remission of sin and absolution from guilt and punishment; or an act of free grace by which God pardons the sinner and **accepts him as righteous**, on account of the atonement of Christ.

and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

– 2 Corinthians 6:18

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now **reconciled in his body** of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him

– Colossians 1:21-22

Reconciled [NW1828]: Brought into friendship from a state of disagreement or enmity; made consistent; adjusted.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

– Hebrews 12:1-2

