

JESUS JOURNEY

40 DAYS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

WEEK 7

Kingdoms in Conflict

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Mark 15:26

The Setting: Three Years Earlier...

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. **“The Kingdom of God is near!”** *Mark 1:15 NLT*

This is Jesus’ theme for the next three years!

“**What is the Kingdom of God like?** How can I illustrate it? It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in a garden; it grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make nests in its branches.” *Luke 13:18–19 NLT*

“**The kingdom of God** does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because **the kingdom of God is within you.**” *Luke 17:20b–21*

“John the Baptist sent us to ask, ‘**Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting,** or should we keep looking?’” . . . [Jesus said], “Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard — the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.” *Luke 7:20,22 NLT*

The Characteristics of the Two Kingdoms

KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD

KINGDOM OF GOD

Power

Pride

Threats

Self-protection



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The two kingdoms collide the day of Christ's death...

Scene 1: Arrest

Just as he was speaking, **Judas**, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was **a crowd armed with swords and clubs**... Then one of those standing near **drew his sword** and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. **"Am I leading a rebellion,"** said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?" *Mark 14:43,47,48*

Scene 2: Trial

And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man **subverting our nation**. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and **claims to be Christ, a king.**" *Luke 23:2*

"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked **Pilate**. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. *Mark 15:2*

"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest... my kingdom is from another place." *John 18:36*

Scene 3: Death

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When the **centurion**, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, **"Surely this man was the Son of God!"** *Mark 15:39*

Two questions the gospels force me to ask:

1. Who is my _____?
2. What is my _____?

Resources used for this message

King's Cross Tim Keller

Who Is This Man? John Ortberg

Simply Jesus N. T. Wright

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Memory Verse

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Luke 13:18-19