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Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Read for This Week's Study: Psalm 23; John 10:11–15; Psalm 22; Ps. 89:27–32; Col. 1:16; Psalm 2; Heb. 7:20–28.

Memory Text: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:22, 23, NKJV).

WEDNESDAY

February 28

Eternal King of Unrivaled Power

Read Psalm 2; Psalm 110:1–3; Psalm 89:4, 13–17; and Psalm 110:1, 2, 5, 6. What do these texts teach us about Christ as King?

Psalm 2:1-12 1 Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

- **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,
- **3** "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." **the people plot a vain thing**
- Mat 27:62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,
- Mat 27:63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.
- Mat 27:64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.
- Mat 27:65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.
- Mat 27:66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.
- **Psalm 2: 4** He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision .
- **REF:>>** The priests gave directions for securing the sepulcher. A great stone had been placed before the opening. Across this stone they placed cords, securing the ends to the solid rock, and sealing them with the Roman seal. The stone could not be moved without breaking the seal. A guard of one hundred soldiers was then stationed around the sepulcher to prevent it from being tampered with. The priests did all they could to keep Christ's body where it had been laid. He was

sealed as securely in His tomb as if He were to remain there through all time. DA 778.1

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So weak men counseled and planned. Little did these murderers realize the uselessness of their efforts. But by their action God was glorified. The very efforts made to prevent Christ's resurrection are the most convincing arguments in its proof. The greater the number of soldiers placed around the tomb, the stronger would be the testimony that He had risen. **Hundreds of years before the death of Christ**, the Holy Spirit had declared through the psalmist, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed.... He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." Psalm 2:1-4. Roman guards and Roman arms were powerless to confine the Lord of life within the tomb. The hour of His release was near. DA 778.2

Psalm 2:5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

7 "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Act 13:32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers.

Act 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Act 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

Act 13:35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Heb 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Heb 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Quote from: Psalm 2:7, Acts 13:23 & 1 Chronicles 17:13

On the Road to Emmaus

Luk 24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

<u>Luk 24:16</u> But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

Luk 24:17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

Luk 24:24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Luk 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

<u>Luk 24:26</u> Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Psalm 2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

- **9** You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "
- 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling.
- **12** Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Psalm 110:1–3 1 A Psalm of David. The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

- **2** The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!
- **3** Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

Psalm 89:4, 13–17 4 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.' "Selah

Psalm 89:13-17 13 You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

- **14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.
- **15** Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.
- **16** In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.
- 17 For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

Verses from lesson

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The portrayal of God as the Messiah's Father points to the coronation of the king when the king was adopted into God's covenant (*Ps. 2:7, Ps. 89:26–28*). Psalm 2:7 foresees Christ's resurrection and exaltation as the dawn of the new everlasting covenant and Christ's royal priesthood (*Acts 13:33–39, Heb. 1:5, Heb. 5:5*). **The Messiah sits at God's right hand as someone who has unprecedented honor and authority** (*Ps. 110:1; Acts 7:55, 56*). "Moreover, the interplay between the Lord and the 'anointed' (Messiah) even suggests an intention to identify this Davidic Messiah with the Lord Himself. . . . If the one who sits at the right is the Lord, then, the Lord is the Messiah, since the latter is also seen at the right [*see Ps. 110:1, 5.*]"—Jacques Doukhan, *On the Way to Emmaus* (Clarksville, MD: Lederer Books, 2012), pp. 26, 27.

Mat 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

Mat 22:42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The Son* of David.

Mat 22:43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

Mat 22:44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Mat 22:45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

Mat 22:46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Psalm 110: 2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Psalm 110: 3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

4 The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Psalm 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

In the end, Christ will have absolute victory over His enemies. To make the enemies a "footstool" is an image that reflects the custom of the ancient Near Eastern kings to place their feet on the necks of their defeated enemies to demonstrate total dominance over them. Yet, Christ's rod here is not a tool of terror (*Ps. 2:9, Ps. 110:2*).

The rod ("staff") was originally held by tribal leaders as the symbol of the tribe (Num. 17:2–10). Christ's rod comes from Zion because He represents the people of Zion. His rod is a symbol of divine judgment, which ends the rule of evil and depicts Christ's unrivaled reign (Rev. 2:27, Rev. 12:5). Even the wicked kings are given a chance to repent and submit to the Messiah (Ps. 2:10–12).

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One graphic depiction of Christ's ultimate victory is found in the pre-Advent scene in Daniel 7, which shows that, after judgment is given "in favor of the saints of the Most High'" (Dan. 7:22, NKJV), His kingdom is established, and "'His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom'" (Dan. 7:27, NKJV). Because of the cross, the promise of the kingdom is assured.

A blessing is promised to all who trust in the King, and the people rejoice in the Messiah's sovereign and righteous reign (*Ps. 2:12, Ps. 89:15–17*).

How nice it is to know that, yes, in the end, good will triumph over evil, justice will be done, and pain and suffering will forever be vanquished. How should this truth give us comfort now when, from a human perspective, evil seems to prosper?