



## **The Way - Jesus Christ**

### **Key idea:**

Jesus Himself is the Way, the promised Messiah, King, and Son who rules over God's people to bring them into the way of blessing.

### **Key text:**

#### Psalm 2

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." <sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. <sup>5</sup> Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, <sup>6</sup> "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." <sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### **Key points:**

1. The key figure in Psalm 2 is identified as the Messiah (Anointed One), King, and the Son of God.
2. The LORD promises the Messiah/King/Son that He will inherit the nations, and that He has authority over the kings of the earth.
3. David and his descendants were the initial, typological Messiah/King/Son's. However, their failures paved the way for the exile and showed the promise awaited a far greater fulfillment.
4. Jesus is the Messiah/King/Son who rules for God, and this is testified to throughout the New Testament.
5. As the Messiah/King/Son, Jesus is the Way, and the only hope for us to walk in the way of blessing is by responding to Him with submission and love.

### Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. After the clear call to obedience in Psalm 1, why does Psalm 2 start with a declaration of human rebellion?
3. How do the kings of the earth in Psalm 2:1-3 seem to view God, His Word, and His Messiah? Is this true only of kings, or is this a widespread reaction in humanity? Why?
4. What is God's response to human rebellion? Why does He laugh? How can this comfort me as I seem to be surrounded by those who mock and reject God's rule?
5. Why is it important to recognize that David and his descendants are an initial fulfillment of this Psalm? What does this teach me about how to read the Old Testament?
6. How is the title "Son" used in Psalm 2? What does it convey about the relationship between the Son and Yahweh?
7. How did the exile affect the Jewish view of Psalm 2 and God's covenant with David? How might it have caused me to question my faith if I had been there?
8. How does the world situation make it hard to see that Christ is ruling over all things? If He is installed as God's King, why are things so broken?
9. How is Psalm 2 a foundation for the worldwide mission of the Church?
10. Who will I call or see to encourage this week?

### For Further Study:

[Christ the Wisdom of God - Seeing Christ in Proverbs](#) (October 22, 2006)

[The Psalms As Instruction: The Lord Reigns](#) (October 27, 2003)

[Seeing Christ in the Psalms](#) (November 3, 2003)

[Christ - The Focus and Fulfillment of the Old Testament](#) (A series on how Jesus is the fulfillment of everything in the Old Testament) (2004)

### Preview of next week: Romans 6:1-18