

Theme: 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.

I. Intro - Aslan

- A. Reading the Chronicles of Narnia the first time
- B. Kids reaction when they first hear of Aslan
- C. The whole story really revolves around Him - but we only understand this as we move along
- D. This is how it is reading Scripture - Jesus is central, but this unfolds over time

II. The Figure: Messiah, King, and Son

- A. A key figure throughout Psalm 2: Messiah, King, Son

1. The Lord's Anointed One (Messiah)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. ³ "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." Psalm 2:1-3

- a. Nations and peoples rebelling against God
- b. They stand against Yahweh & His Anointed One
- c. Anointed One is "Messiah/Christ" (מָשִׁיחַ)/(Χριστός)
- d. Originally because prophets, priests, and kings were anointed with oil to represent their commission
- e. But oil represented the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, Is 61:1

- f. The Messiah is the One anointed with the Spirit to accomplish Yahweh's purposes.

2. The Lord's King

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. ⁵ Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, ⁶ "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." Psa 2:4-6

- a. Note kings (v1), Lord enthroned (v4)
- b. God has installed His King on Zion (v6)
- c. The Anointed One, the Messiah, is the King Who God has installed to rule for Him.

3. The Lord's Son

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father... ¹² 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. Psalm 2:7, 12

- a. The One is also called God's Son
- b. This indicates a unique relationship between the Anointed King (Messiah) and Yahweh
- c. The Anointed One, the Messiah, is the King Who God has installed to rule for Him because He is the Son of God.

B. The promise: inherit the nations

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery. Psalm 2:8-9

- 1. This is Yahweh's promise/decreed to the Messiah/King/Son

2. This One will not just rule Israel, but the whole world
3. This One has universal authority over the nations of the earth.
4. This One has authority over the kings of the earth as the King of Kings

Therefore, **you kings**, be wise; be warned, **you rulers** of the earth. ¹¹ **Serve the Lord** with fear and rejoice with trembling. ¹² **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. Psalm 2:10–12

- a. God turns and speaks to the kings of the earth
- b. They are called to submit to God's reign - but embracing and obeying His Messiah/King/Son
- c. The Messiah/King/Son is the King of Kings!

III. Identifying the Messiah/King/Son

A. David and his line are identified as messiah/king/sons

I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have **anointed** him... ²⁶ He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'²⁷ **I will also appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.** ²⁸ I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail. ²⁹ **I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.** Psalm 89:20, 26–29

1. David and his line were anointed by God as kings
2. David and his line were God's firstborn sons, the most exalted kings on the earth
3. God established David on his throne, and his descendants after him forever

4. Clearly, Psalm 2 initially points to David and his descendants and was probably used at their coronations
5. This is actually a major theme in the OT, and is enshrined in the Davidic covenant.

B. David and his line were only types and shadows of the real Messiah/King/Son

1. Psalm 89 is about the exile and how it seemed the Davidic covenant had failed!

But you have rejected, you have spurned, you have been very angry with your anointed one. ³⁹ You have renounced the covenant with your servant and have defiled his crown in the dust... ⁴⁹ O Lord, where is your former great love, which in your faithfulness you swore to David? Psa 89:38–39, 49

- a. If David's descendants were the messiah/king/sons, then what happened in the exile?
 - b. Had God forsaken the covenant? Where is this Messiah/King/Son?
2. The prophets spoke of the coming Davidic King
"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. Jeremiah 23:5

My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. Ezekiel 37:24

- a. The latter prophets promised that the promised Davidic Messiah/King/Son would come
- b. The promises of Psalm 2 (and Psalm 110) were still in effect, even though David and his sons had failed miserably.

C. Jesus is the Messiah/King/Son who rules for God

1. Just reading the text makes it clear that it points forward to Jesus, and only He could fulfill this!
2. The New Testament applies Psalm 2 to Jesus a lot!
 - a. At Jesus' baptism

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11

 1. Combination of Psalm 2:7; Isaiah 42:1
 2. The Father begins Jesus' public ministry with Psalm 2, announcing the Messiah/King/Son has come!
 - b. John the Baptist testifies Jesus is the Son of God

I have seen and I testify that this is **the Son of God**. John 1:34
 - c. Nathanael recognized Jesus as the King-Son

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are **the Son of God; you are the King of Israel**." John 1:49
 - d. Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah-Son

Simon Peter answered, "You are **the Christ, the Son of the living God**." Matthew 16:16
 - e. The early church prayed Psalm 2 as fulfilled in Jesus and the events surrounding Him

You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. Acts 4:25–27

f. Paul quotes Psalm 2 to identify Jesus

"We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. **As it is written in the second Psalm: "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."**" Acts 13:32–33

g. Hebrews quotes Psalm 2 about Jesus

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Hebrews 1:5

So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." Hebrews 5:5

h. Jesus as the Messiah/King/Son is the basis of the Great Commission and worldwide mission of the Church

Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the **Son** and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18–20

1. All authority given to me - I have installed my King!
2. All nations - they plotted against my rule but I will send you as my ambassadors to them
3. In the name of the Father, Son, Spirit - Kiss the Son and find refuge in Him!
4. Teach them to obey - the former enemies will now embrace Me as King and will meditate on how to obey Me!

3. The New Testament is crystal clear - the Messianic Son King of Psalm 2 is Jesus Christ!

IV. Applying the Word

A. Psalm 1 and 2 and Jesus

1. Jesus is clearly the fulfillment of Psalm 2 - He is the Messiah, King, and God's Son
2. But He is also the fulfillment of Psalm 1 - He is the Blessed Man Who has walked the way of righteousness and opened it for us.
3. This is why Jesus declared "I am the Way" - He does not just walk the Way - He IS the Way.
4. Once again, we should be looking for Jesus in all of Scripture - He is the hermeneutical lens through which we view everything!

B. Psalm 1 and 2 and me

1. Psalm 1 and 2 also clearly speak to me and call for a response
2. It is not enough to say "Jesus is the Way" - and then think I am free to walk whatever way I want.
3. Psalm 1 and 2 call for a proper response to Jesus as the Messiah, King, and Son and to His Word and rule

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.

Psalm 2:12

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:1–2

- a. To be blessed is to find refuge in the Son
 - b. To find refuge in the Son is to delight in His Word and to be empowered by the Spirit to walk the way of righteousness
4. How have I responded to Jesus the Messiah/King/Son?
 5. Kiss the Son and find refuge in Him today!

C. The Lord's Table

1. Here the Messianic Son King invites us to His Table
2. Here we submit to Him, embracing His rule
3. Here we are given the strength to walk the Way

The Way: Jesus Christ

Psalm 2

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Communion

2 Corinthians 13:14

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May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ² Corinthians 13:14

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