

MESSAGE TITLE: Jesus the King Part II: Coronation of the King

BIBLE READING: John 19:16b – 42

**Read the through the message transcript to find notes on Jesus as Prophet and Priest (not used in the message on Sunday)**

- Consider how Jesus is viewed as the ultimate Prophet and the ultimate Priest.
- Share any insights you have from the Old Testament that help you to understand the role of the Prophet and Priest in the life of the Israelite/Jewish community.
- John frames Jesus as the perfect fulfilment of all that has been spoken about and promised, not just for the people of Israel, but for all people.
  - Does this impact your life today? Why or why not?
  - How might this framing of Jesus help you to share Jesus with your family, friends and contacts ...?

**The Coronation of Jesus**

1. Talk about the contrast between the film clips of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and the crucifixion of Jesus.

Clips may be viewed separately from the following YouTube links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGLN1kREJ2Q>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kq2djCnihK0>

- Talk about your response to the film clips.
  - What do you notice about the contrast?
  - Think about the people (crowds) in each clip ... what springs to mind as you look at crowds cheering both events?
2. Consider the following (edited) blog reflection:

[www.aholyexperience.com](http://www.aholyexperience.com)

I may want Christ – *but to be crucified?*

*I may want to be in Christ – but to be inconvenienced?*

I may want to be rescued – but to be refined?

**My word to God, it has been a divided word– Yes and No.**

**And my heart divided against Him cannot stand. And the one who lives with fork tongue to God, pierces their own heart.**

But every moment my inner heart is saying No to the God of the universe – I am say saying Yes to the enemy of my soul. We are always saying yes to Someone.

Peace isn't the absence of the dark. Peace is the assurance of God's presence in the midst of the dark.

And when we want peace – we only need to say yes to God's purposes.

... and I can't find any peace because I forget Peace is a Person, not a place.

And I can feel it in me – my yes to the enemy with all these voices in my head: *“You are such a loser! You are such a mess! You are such a failure.”*

And it comes surer, right in the midst of the domestic dark, this divine doxology –

*In Me you are not wrecked. You are rescued.*

*In Me you aren't a mess. You are made new.*

*In Me you aren't ever a loser – you are lavished with love.*

A life *contemplating* the love of Christ is the catalyst to *acting* out the love of Christ.

And if we want more Yes to God actions in our life — *we need more Yes to God contemplations in our life.*

Yes to the blessings and yes to the ugly and yes to the beautiful and yes to the love and to His will and to the saving sovereignty of God in this moment who can't stop serenading with His grace. In our dark, just to keep whispering our breathy, child-like yes.

In the Old Testament, the word “to will” is *abah*. “To will – to intend, to choose” – to decide your yes – *abah*.

**To make your will agree with God’s Will – that is how we say yes to God.**

The Word *abah*, it’s there in Isa 19:20:

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

If you are *abah*, willing and obedient – if you say yes to God – you shall eat of the land.

There is no yield in our lives, until there is Yes to the Lord in our hearts.

*Abah* – “to will” – it literally means “*to breathe after*” or “*to long for*.”

**We are saying yes – to whatever we are breathing after.**

*What do I breathe after?* Some kind of acceptance? Some kind of accomplishment? Some kind of Pinterest-perfected life?

**Why in this crazy world doesn’t my soul pant after God like a deer panteth for the water?**

My first word in the dark, in the storm – it could be that word that brings peace: *Yes, God – Yes*.

[As long as we are breathing – our lives are meant to say Yes to God.](#)

It could be like that:

**Our hearts are like water and the Holy Spirit is like the wind –**

**and at the slightest breathing of the Word of God, the whole of a life might respond.**

***The whole of a life can become the breath of Yes to God.***

These moving, expanding circles of obedience and surrender and *yes to God* – reaching further and further out into the world for the glory of His Son.

3. Scot McKnight is a contemporary New Testament Scholar and author of the book: “The King Jesus Gospel: The Original Good News Revisited”.

McKnight suggests that in order for the Gospel to be meaningful today for modern people, we need to frame the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus within the much larger story of “In the beginning God ...”

In the message yesterday, Tania read out her own edited version of the Gospel story based on a chapter in McKnight’s book.

- You may like to set yourself the challenge of writing your own version of the good news for Jesus from creation to Christ.
- Share your “good news” with each other.
- Pray (and expect!) opportunities for you to share the story of Jesus, and why he is the rightful King of everything.
- Share stories of how Jesus takes your willing heart and opens the door for you to be his ambassador.