

Theme: Christ is the central figure of the book of Psalms, and in its pages we see the grand picture of His life, death, and resurrection.

I. Review and Intro

- A. The main point – The Lord is King!
- B. The Lord and His Messiah/King/Son
 - 1. Called Messiah, King, and Son
 - 2. He is a key figure in Psalm 2
 - 3. Must understand Him to understand Ps 2

II. Who Is This Messiah/King/Son?

- A. Messiah – David and his descendants
 - 1. Anointed One is “messiah” in Hebrew & Greek
 - 2. Anointed with oil, representing Spirit (Is 61:1)
 - 3. Prophets, priests, and kings in Old Testament
 - 4. Kings – especially Davidic – Ps 89:20; 18:50
- B. King – David and his descendants
 - 1. Israel’s kings ruled for God
 - 2. Whose throne? 1 Kings 2:12; 1 Chron 29:23
- C. Son – David and his descendants

- 1. This person is God’s son
- 2. David & seed – Ps 89:20, 26-29; 2 Sam 7:12-16

D. Messiah/King/Son originally refers to Davidic King

- 1. He was anointed king and son
- 2. Psalm 2 probably used to set him in
- 3. But is there a more fundamental meaning?
- 4. Do Davidic kings really fulfill this Psalm?

III. A Problem and Solution

- A. The problem – exile!
 - 1. Exile shattered Davidic line & hope
 - 2. Psalm 89:38-39, 49; Lam 4:20
 - 3. How would covenant be fulfilled?
- B. The solution – the true meaning – Jesus!
 - 1. People realized they had misunderstood!
 - 2. Prophets spoke of greater David to come
 - 3. Jer 23:1-5; Ezek 37:24-27
 - 4. People began to look forward to Messiah!
- C. The New Testament teaching

Seeing Christ in the Psalms

Psalm 2

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1. Ps 2 for Christ – Acts 4:25-28; 13:33; Heb 1:5
2. Titles for Christ as well!
3. He is the fulfillment of Psalm 2!

IV. Jesus and the Psalms

A. Jesus the focus & fulfillment of Psalms – Lk 24:44

1. Disciples should have seen Him in Psalms
2. Ps 1 - Jesus is the blessed man
3. Ps 2 – Jesus is the Messiah, King, Son
4. Jesus righteous sufferer in laments – Ps 22:1
5. Jesus sings praise to God – Hebrews 2:12
6. Jesus' life – suffering to glory – Lk 24:25-26

B. Living a Christ-centered life

1. God's instruction focused on Christ
2. Read Psalm with Christ in view
3. Life only makes sense when we focus on Christ
4. Live life focused on Him
5. Communion

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me Is 61:1

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Response: Communion

I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him. Ps 89:20

50 He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever. Psalm 18:50

So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was my established. 1 Ki 2:12

23 So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him. 1 Chron 29:23

20 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. Ps 89:20,26-29

When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." 2 Sam 7:12-16

38 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? Ps 89:38-39, 49

20 The LORD's anointed, our very life breath, was caught in their traps. We thought that under his shadow we would live among the nations. Lamentations 4:20

1 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ... 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be

missing," declares the LORD. 5 "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 23:1,4-5

24 "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. 25 They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. 26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. 27 My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. Ezekiel 37:24-27

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. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen Acts 4:25-28

"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

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

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Lk24:44

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? Psalm 22:1
12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." Heb 2:12 (Psalm 22:22)

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" Luke 24:25-26