

Theme: Jesus the King is the Servant of the Lord Who will lay down His life to ransom His people, taking their sin and punishment on Himself, setting them free from death and restoring them from exile to be the people of God.

I. Intro - A King's Ransom

- A. A King's Ransom - a very costly payment
- B. It originally referred to something that only a king could afford.
- C. Jesus our King paid a King's ransom - by giving His very life for us!

II. A King's Ransom

- A. Jesus must die as a ransom for His people
For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and **to give his life as a ransom for many.**
Mark 10:45
 - 1. Jesus had predicted His death three times (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34)
 - 2. This is the first time He explains WHY He must die
 - 3. He will give His life as a ransom for many
- B. Understanding the word 'ransom' - Greek
For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a **ransom** for many.
Mark 10:45
 - 1. Ransom is the noun related to the verb 'redeem'
 - 2. The Greek word for ransom (λύτρον) is the payment given to redeem someone, usually a slave, a criminal, or a prisoner of war.
 - 3. A ransom was paid to free someone from slavery or a penalty for their crimes.

C. Understanding the word 'ransom' - Old Testament

- 1. In the Old Testament, God ransomed/redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt
"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will **redeem** you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.'" Exodus 6:6

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God **redeemed** you from there. That is why I command you to do this. Deuteronomy 24:18

- a. God redeemed Israel from Egypt - He ransomed them out of slavery.
 - b. Because God redeemed Israel, they were His people. This was why they were to obey Him.
 - c. When they were redeemed, Israel became God's people by grace, and their response of gratitude was to obey Him.
- 2. God ransomed/redeemed Israel from exile - the second 'exodus'
But now, this is what the LORD says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have **redeemed** you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1
The **ransomed** of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. Isaiah 51:11
 - a. Isaiah prophesied that Israel would be sent into exile for her sins - she would become slaves to pay for her sins.
 - b. But God also promised through Isaiah that He would redeem/ransom Israel from out of exile and bring them back to the land.

c. This was a 2nd great exodus, and is built on the same idea of being redeemed/ransomed.

3. To reinforce this, God had the people 'ransom' their firstborn with a substitute who took their place

When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and **redeem** each of my firstborn sons.' Exodus 13:15

- a. The price of sin and rebellion was death - this was why the firstborn in Egypt died.
- b. Israel's firstborn did not die - a substitute died in their place.
- c. To remember this, Israel had to redeem their firstborn sons by a sacrifice that paid for them.

D. A ransom for many - Isaiah 53

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1. The phrase "for many" echoes Isaiah 53:10-12
Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though **the LORD makes his life a guilt offering**, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge **my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.** ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because **he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.** Isaiah 53:10-12

- a. The Servant of the Lord will justify "many" (v11)
- b. The Servant is a guilt offering - a sacrifice that bears the sins of another, being put to death in their place.
- c. The Servant is a guilt offering, bears the iniquities of the many, bore the sin of the many, and makes intercession for them.
- d. (Also note the Servant will be resurrected - He will prolong His days, see the light of life, and be given an inheritance).
- e. Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah 53!

2. Jesus the King is the Servant of the Lord Who will lay down His life to ransom His people, taking their sin and punishment on Himself, setting them free from death and restoring them from exile to be the people of God.

III. Applying the Word

A. Do I see this is the heart of the Gospel?

1. Jesus was a great teacher, a wonderful moral example, and an inspiring leader - but that is not why He came!
2. Jesus came to give His life as a ransom!
3. We were slaves to sin and Satan but by His death Jesus has set us free!
4. We were traitors against God, but Jesus came to pay the penalty we were due so we might be forgiven and free!
5. We were exiles cut off from God but Jesus offered Himself to redeem us and bring us home to our Father!

6. He is the Passover Lamb slain so that we are freed from death and given everlasting life!
7. He is the Servant of the Lord who gave Himself as a guilt offering to bear our sins and to make peace between us and God.

8. Friends, we can never pay for our sin!

No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him — ⁸ the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough — ⁹ that he should live on forever and not see decay. Psalm 49:7-9

- a. I can not pay the ransom myself, nor can another human pay it for me. We are unrighteous and our lives are can not cover the sin of another.
- b. But the God-Man, the Servant of the Lord, can bear the full weight of our debt and pay it for us!
- c. Jesus has done this - and those who receive Him will live forever and not see decay!
- d. His death delivers us from death, and His resurrection ensures our resurrection!
- e. This is the Gospel!

9. Have I understood and responded to this Gospel?

10. Respond today!

B. Followers of Jesus - live in gratitude for this gift!

1. What a gift we have been given through Jesus Christ!
2. We owed a debt we could never pay, and He paid it for us, and He continues to intercede for us now!
3. We never need to fear to come to the Father!

4. Our place before Him is assured forever!
Bearing shame and all my sin
There, in my place, He stood condemned
Here I stand now justified
My guilt is His, His grace is mine

5. This should prompt grateful obedience to Him for the rest of my days!

6. Plus, the Gospel gives us power to live for God
Run and run, the law demands
But gives me neither feet nor hands
Better news, the gospel brings
It bids me fly, it gives me wings

- a. We are born again with a new heart with God's Law written on it!
- b. We are given the Gift of the Spirit to empower us to obey!
- c. All of this was purchased for us by Jesus' redeeming blood - thanks be to God!

C. The Table of Redemption

1. We will remember Christ's atoning life and death
2. We will sing "Run and Run" (Christ Is All My Righteousness)
3. We will pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on this Pentecost Sunday!

A King's Ransom

Mark 10:45

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Communion

Ephesians 1:7-8, 13-14

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Through the blood of Jesus we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding... ¹³ And we were included in Christ when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. Having believed, we were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory. In Christ, You are fully forgiven and free, and by the Holy Spirit you are filled with and guaranteed every blessing of God - so go forth and be a blessing! Ephesians 1:7-8, 13-14

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