

THE LAST KINGDOM

PART 2: RECLAIMING THE PLOTLINE

Jesus didn't come primarily to teach us how to live better lives. The gospel writers aren't arguing that Jesus was impressive; they're insisting he is king, God's final King.

CONNECT

What was a time you used a word or phrase... only to find out later that you used it incorrectly?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week to further explore what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Why do you think John goes out of his way to explain what Messiah and Christ meant to his readers? What does that tell us about what he doesn't want us to miss?
2. Why do you think many focus more on what Jesus did than who Jesus claimed to be?
3. How does John describing Jesus's miracles as signs pointing towards his Kingship change how you read miracle accounts?
4. How does seeing Jesus as King challenge a "what has God done for me lately?" version of faith?
5. Jesus claims "all authority in heaven and on earth." Think of an area of uncertainty or difficulty in your life. How can remembering that Jesus is the King whose reign will never end give you hope in your situation?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Read **Matthew 28:16–20** and pay attention specifically to Jesus's authority claim. What stands out now that didn't before?

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PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus not just as a healer or teacher, but as the Christ—God's final King who has all authority. Give us eyes to see him clearly, courage to trust him deeply, and humility to bring our lives under his leadership. Shape us into people who follow our King with confidence. Amen.