

Portraits of a Savior; THE REIGNING SAVIOR — Resurrection Sunday

Palm Sunday showed us the **Humble King**

Good Friday showed us the **Crucified Savior**

Sunrise showed us the **Risen Lord**

But the story does not end at the empty tomb. Jesus didn't just rise. **Jesus reigns.**

What Happened After the Resurrection?

Many people imagine Jesus as:

Alive... but distant

Present... but passive

Watching... but waiting

Scripture gives us a different picture.

“I am the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

— Revelation 1:17–18

Jesus is not waiting. He is ruling. **Right now.**

The Ascension Was a Coronation

“He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” — Hebrews 1:3

Jesus did not leave the world. He took the throne over it. We are not living in the absence of Jesus.

We are living under the authority of a reigning King.

What the Reign of Jesus Means for Your Life

Because Jesus reigns:

Your fears are not above Him

Your past is not above Him

Your struggles are not above Him

Your future is not uncertain to Him

“**Far above** all rule and authority and power and dominion...” — Ephesians 1:21

Nothing in your life outranks your King.

Resurrection Power Is Working Toward You

“The immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe...” — Ephesians 1:19

The power that raised Jesus from the dead:

is not distant

is not theoretical

is not reserved for someday

It is **working toward you right now**

The Church Belongs to a Reigning King

“He put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church.” — Ephesians 1:22

The church is not:

a social club

a weekly gathering

a religious habit

We are the **body** of the reigning King.

Marching Orders From a Reigning King

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore...”

— Matthew 28:18–19

We do not go alone. We go with the authority of Jesus. We go with the presence of Jesus.

“I am with you **always**.” — Matthew 28:20

You are an ambassador of the King.

Living as Citizens of the Kingdom

Calling Jesus “Lord” means:

His voice shapes your decisions

His truth shapes your priorities

His authority shapes your relationships

His mission shapes your life

Surrender is not loss. Surrender is freedom.

The King Who Reigns Also Knows Your Name

The same Jesus worshiped in heaven:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain...” — Revelation 5:12

is the same Jesus who said: “Mary.” — John 20:16

He holds the keys of death, and He knows your name.

Your Resurrection Sunday Response

Ask yourself:

- **Have I surrendered to Jesus as Lord — not just believed in Him as Savior?**
 - **What fear or struggle am I treating as more powerful than my King?**
 - **Where is Jesus calling me to live differently this week because He reigns?**
 - **Who is Jesus sending me to reach as His ambassador?**
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The Final Portrait

The donkey

The cross

The empty tomb

The throne

Not four different stories.

One Savior. One King. One invitation.

Jesus Christ is alive. Jesus Christ is reigning. And He is calling **your name.**