

## SOME CROWN CLAIMS OF CHRIST THE KING

**What is a “king”?** Anyone or anything that rules, influences, or controls your life. Kings are not only men of government, but also can be personal, such as your family, friends, career, personal ego, philosophies, priorities, appetites, and passions.

The question is not whether or not we want a king, for we all have “kings” in our lives.

With Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, He proclaimed Himself as King of kings. As Christ the King, Jesus’ “I AM” sayings proclaim that...

*“I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.”*  
John 8:12

### I. I Am the Light of the World

**Word Wealth:** “I AM” – an obvious reference to God’s Name in the Old Testament: “Yahweh” which meant “I Am That I Am” (Exodus 3:13-14). Jews avoided saying “I Am” in conversations out of respect for the Name of God. By Jesus boldly saying “I AM”, He is proclaiming He is God.

- *Jesus the Light* exposes the \_\_\_\_\_, sinful thoughts and actions of people.
- *Jesus the Light* illuminates and directs our \_\_\_\_\_ as we journey down the road of life.
- *Jesus the Light* is necessary for us to spiritually \_\_\_\_\_, like sunlight for plants. Just as the “sun” is our physical sun, Jesus is our spiritual “Son”.
- As citizens of the King, we should \_\_\_\_\_ His light in a dark and lost world. Reflect the Son-light.

*“I am the Bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty.”*  
John 6:35

### II. I Am the Bread of Life

- Many people today live “\_\_\_\_\_” diet lives, doing things that momentarily thrill, but ultimately bad spiritual health – lives that fail to satisfy and sustain.
- Only in Jesus do we find out necessary basic needs for a healthy spiritual life, one that satisfies our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ for forgiveness, acceptance, hope, and direction and purpose in life.
- Shouldn’t we offer the Bread of Life to the \_\_\_\_\_ around us that are spiritually starving?

*“I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”*  
John 10:11

### III. I Am the Good Shepherd

**Word Wealth:** “Good” – Beautiful and free from defect; intrinsically good.

- *The Good Shepherd* gives \_\_\_\_\_ for His sheep.
- *The Good Shepherd* gives \_\_\_\_\_ for His sheep.
- *The Good Shepherd* gives \_\_\_\_\_ for His sheep.
- *The Good Shepherd* will \_\_\_\_\_ for His sheep.
- But remember, as sheep, we exist to \_\_\_\_\_ the purposes of the shepherd.

#### **IV. I Am the Way, the Truth and Life...**

- ***I AM the Way*** – The \_\_\_\_\_ way to God is accepting Jesus Christ as Son of God, Savior, and Lord. It is not just one of many ways. There cannot be different kings ruling over the same people.
- ***The Truth*** – Not only is Jesus' teaching true, His Person, life, and mission itself are the ultimate, absolute truth. Jesus is the basis by which all other truths and knowledge are to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ***The Life*** – Jesus offers "eternal life" which is abundant life; a spiritual life that is truly \_\_\_\_\_; beyond our wildest expectations, overflowing with love, joy, salvation, hope, and blessing.

***Who are your kings? If you haven't done it yet, are you ready to make Jesus your King?***

***How to do it:***

- In prayer, admit your need for Jesus as your King.
- Confess your sins to God and resolve to change your life, according to His will.
- Accept Jesus as the Son of God Who died on the cross as the sacrifice for the forgiveness of your sins.
- Commit your life to Him as your King and Lord.

***If you pray this prayer and mean it, you are now a Christian.***

***Answers: I. Dark; path; thrive; reflect. II. Junk food; hunger; people. III. Direction; protection; provision; die; serve. IV. Only; judged; satisfying.***