

**Lesson 22**  
**The Rejection of the King and His Kingdom**

**I. Kingdom Connected to its King**

- a. While the Universal Kingdom of God has always existed unconditionally regardless of attitudes of angels, devils, or men, the Mediatorial Kingdom on earth has always been \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The Kingdom was received as a promise by Abraham through faith; it was established in history at Sinai subject to Israel's willingness to obey God; and, it was \_\_\_\_\_ on earth due to Israel's sin. Amos 9:8 *Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord. KJV*
- c. Restoration of the Mediatorial Kingdom was foretold by the prophets in connection with Israel's repentance and indeed Christ called for their \_\_\_\_\_ in announcing His coming Kingdom. Mark 1:14-15 *Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. KJV*
- d. The Kingdom was " \_\_\_\_\_ " because the Mediatorial King had arrived. Without such a King there could be no kingdom established on earth in any real sense. It follows then that to reject the King would be to reject the Kingdom.
- e. Jesus also preached that He would come in glory in a \_\_\_\_\_ perfect manifestation. Without the King and without His glory it is difficult to understand how there could be any genuine Kingdom of God on earth as some insist exists today. Matt 24:30 *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. KJV*

**II. Announced to Israel Alone**

- a. The Apostle John describes the mission of Christ as being \_\_\_\_\_ to the people of Israel. John 1:11 *He came unto his own, and his own received him not. KJV*
- b. Jesus Himself reinforced this exclusivity when He \_\_\_\_\_ his Disciples from preaching to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matt 10:5-6 *Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. KJV*
- c. The general context and the words used in sending out the 70 also clearly limit the scope and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel to Israel. Luke 10:1 *After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. KJV*
- d. When Jesus encountered the Syro-Phoenician woman, He reiterated that His ministry was to Israel alone and that any benefit derived by the Gentiles was \_\_\_\_\_ for Israel. Matt 15:26-27 *But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. KJV*

**III. The Demand for a Decision**

- a. Jesus came \_\_\_\_\_ Himself as the promised Messiah to the nation of Israel; the King of the Kingdom over which Messiah was ordained to reign. John 4:25-26 *The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. KJV*
- b. God's covenant with the Jews was a national one, so must also the acceptance or rejection of Christ be a national choice. The decision of the heads of the nation was regarded as the act of the \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 11:50-51 *That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation ; 51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation . KJV*
- c. However, only through the rejection of Christ could the \_\_\_\_\_ of God be carried out. And yet, this was done without restricting Israel's free-will to choose as a nation. John 11:49-51 *And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, 50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; KJV*
- d. Hence, in the rejection of Christ, we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel expressed. Matt 27:25 *Then answered all the people , and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. KJV*
- e. Our Lord was unequivocal in setting forth the imperatives, leaving no room for \_\_\_\_\_: those who heard the message must either be for the Messianic King or against him. Matt 12:30 *He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. KJV*
- f. The same demand was implicit in all His \_\_\_\_\_. Those who witnessed them were forced to decide whether they were from God or from Satan. Luke 11:17-20 *But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. 18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. 19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. 20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. KJV*
- g. Because His fame ran throughout the nation of Israel; the nation saw and heard and \_\_\_\_\_, there could be no escape from the dilemma of decision about who He was. Luke 5:15 *Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. NIV*

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- h. If received, His message brought blessings; if rejected, the very dust of that place was to be shaken off as a token of certain \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 10:8-12 *"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' 10 But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.' 12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. NIV*
- i. It was to an entire generation of Israelites that the offer of Christ was extended and it was to an entire generation that judgment would fall for its \_\_\_\_\_ their King. John 1:11 *Matt 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. KJV*

**IV. Opposition to the King**

- a. The Satanically inspired opposition to Our Lord was rooted in two segments of the nation of Israel. First, from the very inception of His ministry He was opposed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel. John 8:44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. KJV*
1. They ruthlessly pursued His steps right up through His death upon the cross hoping to find some ground upon which He might be "righteously" \_\_\_\_\_ with. John 11:53 *Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. KJV*
  2. They questioned His \_\_\_\_\_. Matt 21:23 *And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? KJV*
  3. They assailed His \_\_\_\_\_ as being from the devil. Matt 12:24 *But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons." NIV*
  4. They faulted Him for supposed violations of the \_\_\_\_\_. John 7:23-24 *If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? 24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. KJV*
  5. They criticized Him for His obvious breaches of their \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 7:5 *Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? KJV*
  6. They accused Him of \_\_\_\_\_. Matt 26:65 *Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. KJV*
  7. They accused Him of \_\_\_\_\_ against Rome. John 19:12 *And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. KJV*
- b. While the religious rulers were ruthless and relentless, the \_\_\_\_\_ was just as guilty in their rejection of Him. Thus, making the whole nation complicit in their guilt for the murder of their King. John 19:15 *But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priest answered, We have no king but Caesar. KJV*
1. In the inception of His ministry He attracted a large following. But, this following was due mainly to the great physical \_\_\_\_\_ bestowed upon the people who came to hear Him. John 6:26 *Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. KJV*
  2. Our Lord was never under any illusion that His following represented any ground swell of acceptance from the masses, rather, He saw the crowds as an expression of curiosity on the part of thrill seekers and \_\_\_\_\_ hearted voyeurs. John 2:23-26 *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. KJV*
  3. The general public questioned His lineage and doubted His authenticity based upon their simple \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 4:22 *And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? KJV*
  4. At heart, the common people were \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Kingdom of Christ than their rulers. John 6:34-36 *Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. KJV*
- c. In the end the whole nation was \_\_\_\_\_ in their rejection of His Kingship and their conspiracy to murder Him. Luke 23:23-25 *But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. 24 So Pilate decided to grant their demand. 25 He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will. NIV*

**V. Application**

- a. Brainstorm a list of ways in which it is possible for us as citizens of the Kingdom, to reject our King and or His Kingdom.
- b. For each area in your list evaluate the extent to which you measure up to **perfect performance**.
- c. What specific things will you do in an effort to improve?