

# Welcome to Rev Darren King's Bible Study – 24 November 2024

## PENTECOST 27 JESUS IS KING

Welcome 🙏

**Opening Prayer** (please pray together)

Heavenly Father, when we are tired, give us strength; when we are careless, make us alert; and when we feel like giving up, fill us with the hope of the day, Amen.

**Q 1 How are your plans going for Christmas? Don't you love this time of the year? What do you love about Christmas?**

Read **Psalm 93** together

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

<sup>2</sup> Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

<sup>3</sup> The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. <sup>4</sup> Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea — the LORD on high is mighty.

<sup>5</sup> Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

**Music Worship - Choose a few Christmas songs**

Joy to the World, and other favourites

**Word: Daniel 7.9-14**

<sup>9</sup> “As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

<sup>11</sup> “Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire.

<sup>12</sup> (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.) <sup>13</sup> “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, <sup>[a]</sup> coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

**Word: John 18.13-37**

<sup>13</sup> and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people. **Peter's First Denial** <sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, <sup>16</sup> but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> “You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?” she asked Peter. He replied, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup> It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

**The High Priest Questions Jesus** <sup>19</sup> Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>0</sup> “I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.”

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded. <sup>23</sup> “If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

**Peter’s Second and Third Denials** <sup>25</sup> Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup> One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

**Jesus Before Pilate** <sup>28</sup> Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?” <sup>30</sup> “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.” <sup>31</sup> Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. <sup>32</sup> This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” <sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**COMMENTARY** Jesus came to teach us about the love that our heavenly father has for us, to include us in His plan for redemption.

**Q 2** When you read that God came to Earth as one of us-What hope does that give you?

**Q 3** Jesus seems to be a different king, one filled with compassion and love.

Why do you think our Kings may be different today?

**Q 4** Christmas is usually a time of peace and hope for all humanity yet we seem to have endless wars and drama on this planet. Do you think we will ever have peace?

## **Works**

Who can we be with this Christmas as many folk are alone and don’t see their loved ones?

**Ending Prayer** (please pray together)

Lord, we are messengers of your saving love, so that all may be reconciled in you, Amen.

**Shalom Rev Darren King (Roots on the web, The Message)**