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In every stage of these Oppressions We have
Petitioned for Redress in the most humble
terms: Our repeated Petitions have been
answered only by repeated injury. A Prince
whose character is thus marked by every act
which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the
ruler of a free people.

Declaration of Independence



Would it be better to think of Jesus as a
President instead of a **King**?



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¹ Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

Luke 23:1-3



³ So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.



Luke 23:1-3



¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: jesus of nazareth, the king of the jews. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic,

John 19:19-22



Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

John 19:19-22



¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

John 19:1-3



Psalm 2:1-7



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Philippians 2:5-11



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You don't choose
whether Jesus is
your king.

That's just reality.



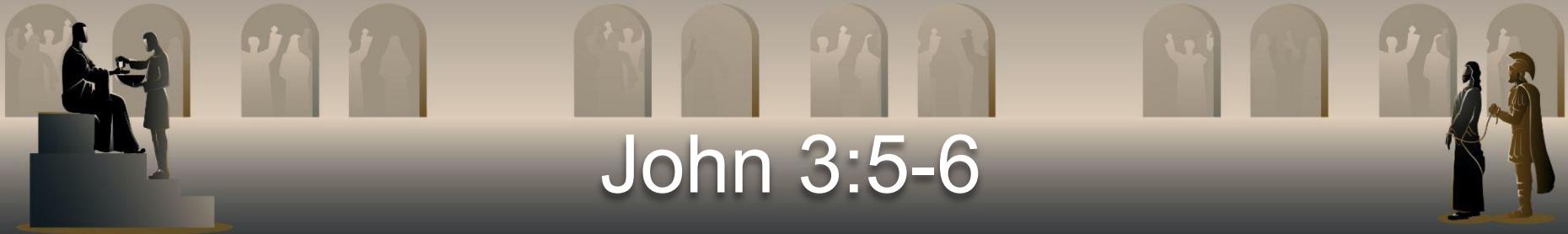
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John 19:12-16



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⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.



John 3:5-6

John 3:14-16



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1. Do you feel you ever have to prove your loyalty to something other than God?
2. Where is it hard to surrender completely to God?
3. How would you explain to non-Christians that Jesus is already king?

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