

THE COSTLY CONFESSION

Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.

Jesus is King” is a costly confession, but it is worth it.

I. MARY KNEW THE DANGER AND COST OF MAKING THIS SUBVERSIVE CONFESSION.

Luke 2:34-35 "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed-- 35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul-- to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

II. JESUS IS KING WAS A COSTLY CONFESSION FOR JOHN.

Luke 3:1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, 2 in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

Luke 3:18 So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people. 19 But when Herod the tetrarch was reprovved by him on account of Herodias, his brother's wife, and on account of all the wicked things which Herod had done, 20 he added this also to them all, that he locked John up in prison.

III. JESUS IS KING WAS A COSTLY MESSAGE FOR JESUS.

IV. IT WAS A COSTLY MESSAGE FOR JESUS' DISCIPLES.

V. JESUS IS KING IS STILL A COSTLY CONFESSION FOR JESUS' SUBJECTS TODAY.

VI. **IF YOU CONFESS JESUS IS KING WITH YOUR LIFE AND YOUR LIPS, IT WILL BE COSTLY TO YOU.**

Luke 9:57 And as they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

59 And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Permit me first to go and bury my father." 60 But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.*

1 Cor 4:8 *You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and I would indeed that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.*

1 Cor 4:16 *I exhort you therefore, be imitators of me.*

Rom 8:18 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

Luke 12:8 *"And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man shall confess him also before the angels of God; 9 but he who denies Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.*