

Lesson 3

Pictures of Jesus

The Scepter



Numbers 24:17 | “A scepter will rise out of Israel.”

Hebrews 1:8 | “Righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.”

A scepter is a symbol of a king or queen. It is a stick, made out of gold and covered with jewels. The scepter was carried when the king or queen used their authority (power) to make decisions.

Jesus is truly God. Jesus is the Son of God the Father. Being God, Jesus really was the King of the Jews and He is also the King of Everyone and Everything. Jesus is our God and King.

In the first Bible passage above, God is telling the people of Israel that a King will come from Israel. This King will be very different from earthly kings. This King will be God's own Son. Many years after God told the Israelites about this King, Jesus was born in Israel.

The second Bible passage above shows how God spoke through Pilate, the Roman governor in Israel. When Jesus was crucified, Pilate had a sign made and put on the cross. It told everyone that Jesus was the King of the Jews. If anyone did not know who Jesus was, this sign would tell them.

Jesus lived and died to take away our sins. We could not live the way God wanted to and we

sin every day. Only Jesus could live a perfect life without sin. When Jesus died on the cross for us, He took all our sins on Himself so that we were made clean. Now when God the Father sees us, He does not see our sins but instead He sees what Jesus did for us and forgives all our sins.

Have you ever heard the saying, "A King's ransom"? If a king was captured by an enemy, it took a great amount of money to ransom (set free) the king. This is called a king's ransom. In a way, this is what Jesus did for us. We were captured by Satan and sin every day. It would take a lot to free us from the punishment for our sins. Jesus paid that price when He died on the cross. Jesus paid "a king's ransom" for each of us.

PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for being our God and King. Thank You for paying a king's ransom for each of us and taking away our sins. Help us to follow You and all that You taught us in the Bible like good servants of the King. Amen