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  - ii. Matt. 4:8-9
  - iii. Matt. 28:18
  - iv. Matt. 16:18
- B. The authority of King Jesus is far superior to the authority of any earthly king.
  - i. Instead of bowing to Satan and following the ways of the devil Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to God all the way to the point of death (Phil. 2:6-9).

*Jesus is King... but He is a very different kind of King than the world has ever seen.*

- ii. Jesus' declaration reminds us of something Daniel foresaw.
  - a) Daniel 7:13-14
  - b) Matthew & Daniel: Jesus is the Son of Man, he is given authority and sovereign power, and Jesus is worshiped. And all this will last to the very end of the age.
- iii. The church testifies of Christ's authority.

- a) We declare His authority when we gather....
- b) When what we declare in worship or "Amen" in preaching clashes with the powers of this world.
- c) We testify to the truth that there is more power in a cross than a sword, in forgiveness than revenge, in prayer than elected officials, in doing good than evil, and in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, than in rebellion.

- C. This supreme authority of Jesus is a significant aspect of the gospel.
  - i. Eph. 1:19-23
  - ii. Phil. 2:9-11

- D. The great commission grows out of allegiance to Jesus as King; announces His reign, which will never end; and seeks to promote the furtherance of that Kingdom and His ways.

## III. The Assignment (19-20)

- A. Go and Make Disciples
  - i. What is meant by "go"?
  - ii. What is a disciple?

*Disciples of Jesus are learners of Jesus. Like the eleven, they are to spend time with Jesus and learn of Him.*

- B. Baptizing
  - i. Baptism is the entry point for a disciple.