

## Sermon Outline December 4, 2016

### "Kiss the Son" Psalm 2

#### I. See in Psalm 2, the anger and constant opposition expressed toward Christ, God's Anointed –

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." (Psalm 2:1-3 NKJ)

1. It is called "rage" because there is a great emotional fervor about it –

A. It drove Herod to murder children –

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. (Matthew 2:16 NKJ)

Matthew 2 gives us a real world, rather than Christmas-card view of Christ's birth and the events that surrounded it. Not only did Angels announce that birth to shepherds but in an attempt to rid the world of a rival in Christ, Herod had the boy babies in that region killed!

B. It drove crowds to yell "crucify Him" –

Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" ... (John 19:5-6 NKJ)

Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" <sup>16</sup> Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. (John 19:14-16 NKJ)

Note in John 19:15 the Jewish people show their disdain for Jesus not only by yelling crucify, but by choosing Caesar (their enemy) before Him!

C. It drove men to make insane vows –

And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. (Acts 23:12 NKJ)

The reason these men vowed to kill Paul was his connection to and powerful preaching of, the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

2. The Hebrew word for rage refers to an obvious outward agitation; it NEVER refers to a quiet sulking in a corner. Rage yells, throws things, battles and kills!

3. The Greek word for rage "Phruasso" refers to the sound made by a ragging horse: the snorting, the neighing, all the angry noises made by an agitated animal!

4. This "rage" is something natural to all sinners –

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (Romans 8:7 NKJ)

5. Thankfully, the plotting in these verses connected to rage is a "vain thing" because it is thwarted in its purposes – Acts 4:23-28 NKJ

#### II. See in Psalm 2 the great sovereign control God has over ungodly opposition –

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: (Psalm 2:4-5 NKJ)

We see this opposition to Christ, not only in the cross, which Christ conquers by His resurrection from the dead, but even at Christ's birth:

1. I have already mentioned Herod's rage:

Though he was able to kill many boy babies, he was not able to touch Jesus as both the wise men and Joseph were warned by God in dreams –

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. <sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." (Matthew 2:12-13 NKJ)

2. *However there was not only Herod but also the Roman Empire –*

A. *It the time of Jesus' birth, this empire does not show "rage" but rather CONTEMPT –*

And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.<sup>2</sup> This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.<sup>3</sup> So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. (Luke 2:1-3 NKJ)

*All the world of course included the "Little Town of Bethlehem" – Jesus was not only not noticed by Rome, but He was missed even in Bethlehem –*

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7 NKJ)

B. *However God used this emperor, and his census, to put His Ruler, Christ Jesus in the prophesied place –*

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." (Micah 5:2 NKJ)

"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." (Psalm 2:6 NKJ)

C. *Later the RAGE from Rome would be obvious from Nero, Diocletian, and other Emperors who would persecute Christ's Church... A monument was set up to honor Diocletian which claimed "the Name of Christians being extinguished"*

3. *However God's controls and thwarts not only rage from Herod and Rome but even Satan –Revelation 12:1-9 NKJ*

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.<sup>2</sup> Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.<sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.<sup>4</sup> His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.<sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.<sup>6</sup> Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should

feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,<sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.<sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:1-9 NKJ)

1. *The woman clothed with the sun, is Israel - :1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.*

2. *The child - :2 & 5 is Christ - <sup>2</sup>Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.*

.<sup>5</sup> *She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.*

3. *The great, fiery red dragon with seven heads and ten horns is Satan ruling an ungodly world - :3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.*

4. *The dragon standing before the woman is in order to devour the child, meaning to destroy Christ, this we see in:*

And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

A. *Pharaoh's killing boy babies – Exodus 1, he (Satan) was ready to devour EARLY!*

So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive." (Exodus 1:22 NKJ)

B. *Saul's fury against David, it was demonic –*

So the women sang as they danced, and said: "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."<sup>8</sup> Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but the kingdom?"<sup>9</sup> So Saul eyed David from that day forward.<sup>10</sup> And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played *music* with his hand, as at other times; but *there was* a spear in Saul's hand.<sup>11</sup> And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.<sup>12</sup> Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul. (1 Samuel 18:7-12 NKJ)

C. *Haman's plot to destroy the Jews –*

When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath.<sup>6</sup> But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus-- the people of Mordecai. (Esther 3:5-6 NKJ)

D. *In Herod's killing – Matthew 2*

5. *The male Child will rule all nations with a rod - :5*

"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, `You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. <sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" (Psalm 2:7-9 NKJ)

<sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:1-9 NKJ)

III. *See in Psalm 2 and other Scripture, God's great pleasure with and irresistible favor to Christ is clearly demonstrated – Psalm 2:6-9*

<sup>6</sup> "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." <sup>7</sup> "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, `You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel." <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. (Psalm 2:6-10 NKJ)

1. *He is on the throne –*<sup>6</sup> "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." (Psalm 2:6 NKJ)

<sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matthew 19:28 NKJ)

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. (Matthew 25:31 NKJ)

<sup>32</sup> "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:32-33 NKJ)

<sup>29</sup> "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an

oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, (Acts 2:29-30 NKJ)

<sup>8</sup> But to the Son *He says*: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your Kingdom. (Hebrews 1:8 NKJ)

NKJ Hebrews 8:1 Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, (Hebrews 8:1 NKJ)

<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2 NKJ)

<sup>21</sup> "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. (Revelation 3:21 NKJ)

NKJ Revelation 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Revelation 22:1 NKJ)

2. *He owns, saves and rules over the nations – Psalm 2:8; Revelation 5:9-10* ."<sup>7</sup> "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, `You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. <sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. (Psalm 2:8-9)

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." (Rev 5:9-10 NKJ)

3. *He will judge the nations – Psalm 2:9; Revelation 17:13-14*

IV. *See in Psalm 2, the advised wisdom, get right with God and KISS the SON –*

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. (Psalm 2:10-12 NKJ)

1. *Be wise – The wise men were wise*

A. *They were called wise –*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, (Matthew 2:1 NKJ)

B. *Their wisdom is shown in their seeking of Jesus, and their seeking to worship (honor) Him –*

saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." (Matthew 2:2 NKJ)

C. *Their wisdom is seen in their giving Christ valuable gifts –*  
And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11 NKJ)

D. *They recognized Christ when others did not, they esteemed Him when others despised –*

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (Isaiah 53:1-3 NKJ)

2. *Be instructed –*

NUN. Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105 NKJ)

3. *Serve the LORD with fear, Rejoice with trembling –*

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever. (Psalm 111:10 NKJ)

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. (Matthew 2:10 NKJ)

4. *Kiss the Son – True, whole-hearted worship is the same as kissing the Son!*

*But the HEART is key ---*

These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. (Matthew 15:8 NKJ)

1. *Note even Herod talked of worshipping Christ –*

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." (Matthew 2:8 NKJ)

*But his (Herod's) intention was not to worship but to kill –*

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5. *Don't risk His anger –*

lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. (Psalm 2:12 NKJ)

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. <sup>15</sup> And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! <sup>17</sup> "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6:14-17 NKJ)

6. *Trust Him –*

... Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him. (Psalm 2:12 NKJ)

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