

**TRACING OUR ROOTS:  
“THE EXALTATION AND SECOND COMING OF CHRIST”  
Acts 1:1-11; 2:22-36**

**Introduction**

- 1990 TFC Distinctive: *“It is our conviction that Jesus Christ is alive and exalted, the Lord of all. As the exalted Lord, he is reigning until every enemy is made his footstool. In that day he shall return to visibly and forever manifest his kingdom glory to all creation. This is our blessed hope. For it we look. By it we endure. In it we rejoice. Because of it we triumph. We therefore are committed to proclaiming it in our assemblies and keeping it in our hearts.”*

**Proposition**

**The fact that Jesus is The King is all the hope we need, and it affects everything.**

I. As believers in Christ, we serve a **Real King**.

- A. The truth that Jesus is King is everywhere in Scripture, especially in the gospels.
- B. Jesus is unlike earthly kings in the extent and exercise of his authority.
- C. Significantly, following his resurrection from the dead, Luke tells us in Acts 1:3 that Jesus spoke about “the kingdom of God.”

II. As believers in Christ, we serve a **Risen King**.

- A. Our text establishes this conclusively.
- B. The resurrection was one of the flash points, a primary controversy, throughout the book of Acts
- C. Paul goes to great lengths to show the resurrection and its implications in his masterful defense in 1 Corinthians 15.

III. As believers in Christ, we serve a **Reigning King**.

- A. Christ’s reign, his rule, is seen in our passage by:
  - His commands (e.g. 1:4).
  - His exaltation to the place of authority, the right hand of God (2:33, 34).
  - The resounding declaration in 2:36, which echoes the words of Psalm 2:4-6.
- B. Christ’s reign is part of the “now, and not yet” mystery of the Christian life.

IV. As believers in Christ, we serve a **Returning King**.

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; John 14:1-3.
- B. The theme of hope runs all through this. See, as well, Titus 2:13, which specifically ties that hope to Christ’s return.

**Application**

- We are “kin” to the King! (Deut. 17:15)
- The King has undeniable authority in the life of every believer.
- The King has chosen his bride! Now let us make ourselves ready!