

Christ the King, Our Shepherd

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

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Intro: Rama X, the King of Thailand is in hot water.

- I. Many think that God is like King Rama X. He most certainly is not.
- II. Many have revolted against Christ the King.
 - A. Is it not us? Have we not rebelled. Sin is revolt.
 - B. We are like a broken record on the soundtrack of sin.
- III. God doesn't leave us in sin, broken, weak and injured.
 - A. He gathers us away from sin. He mends broken hearts and broken lives.
 - B. We are cared for.
- IV. We maybe aren't fat with the luxury of this world, but we are well nourished with the gospel.
- V. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...he walks with me.

Conclusion: Christ the King is our Good Shepherd. Praise him with our words, our songs, our lives. Amen.

Points to Ponder

1. How can we say that "my servant David" the one shepherd here refers to Jesus? At the time Ezekiel was written King David was dead for 400 years so it can not refer to him.
2. "On a day of clouds and thick darkness" is not speaking about a normal November day. How have our sins and the sins of the world put us in thick darkness and away from Christ, who is the light of the world.
3. Agree or disagree and why. The rich pasture on the mountains of Israel that Christ the King helps us to feed on refers to heaven.
4. Read John 10:27-33. Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd. Why do people want to kill him in John 10? Is Jesus referring to this section of Ezekiel when he talks about being a shepherd over the people?
5. The fat and the strong sheep that will be destroyed – who exactly is that talking about? Why will they be destroyed?