

The World's in Chaos

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But humans spoiled their chances by sinning.
We trust that the story
Will end in God's glory,
But at present, the other side's winning.
Citation: Leonard Sweet in a Facebook status

This is Now

Reasons many Christians feel we're losing
ISIS Supreme
Court decisions
Lawsuits and fines
Persecution around the world

That was Then

Reasons for First Century Christians to feel like they were losing
Jesus had not returned
Barbaric persecution
Family and friends turned on each other

A Message from King Jesus

Revelation 22:16-21 NET

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star!” And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say: “Come!” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wants it take the water of life free of charge. I testify to the one who hears the words of the prophecy contained in this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

An Edited Limerick

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Sermon in a Sentence:

It may not make the news;
it may not shape the judges' views;
but you can sing
because Jesus is the King.

A New Way of Viewing Life

Many Christians here in the U.S. tend toward gloom and despair. It seems like we've been swept away in a tsunami of fear and doomsday warnings. It looks like many Christians feel as though Jesus is no longer King of kings and Lord of lords. There are some who speak and act as though the forces of evil dethroned King Jesus through the U.S. court system. Christians in other parts of the world have faced and are facing far worse persecution. King Jesus began to reign when he entered Mary's womb. His Kingdom grew as he healed the sick, fed the hungry and taught the spiritually lost. It grew deeper and wider through his death and resurrection. King Jesus extends his Kingdom every time a person says yes to the Holy Spirit's call to join God's family. One day, soon and very soon, we will see King Jesus ruling as the uncontested King of kings.

Every Knee Will Bow

Every minute that passes on the clock brings us closer to the moment when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, that he rules without a single challenger. But don't wait until then. The greatest treasure remains for those who choose King Jesus now!