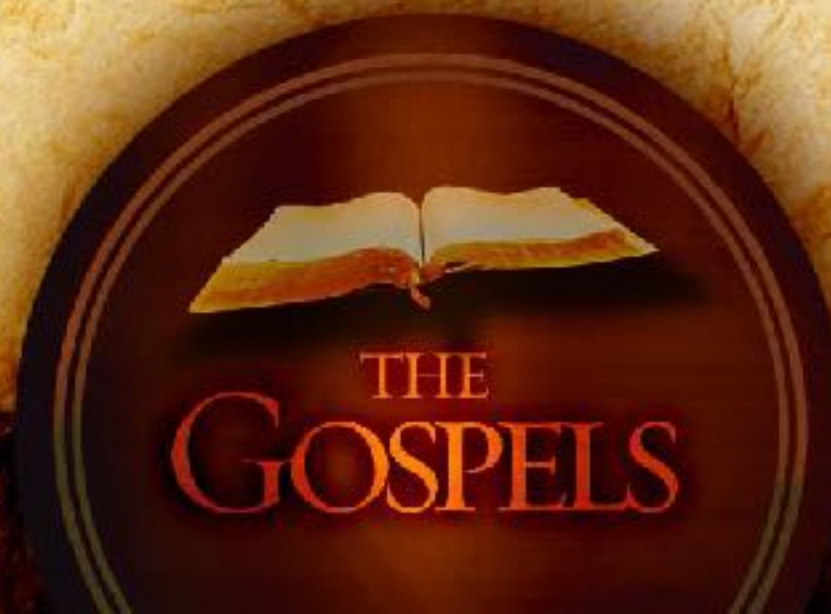




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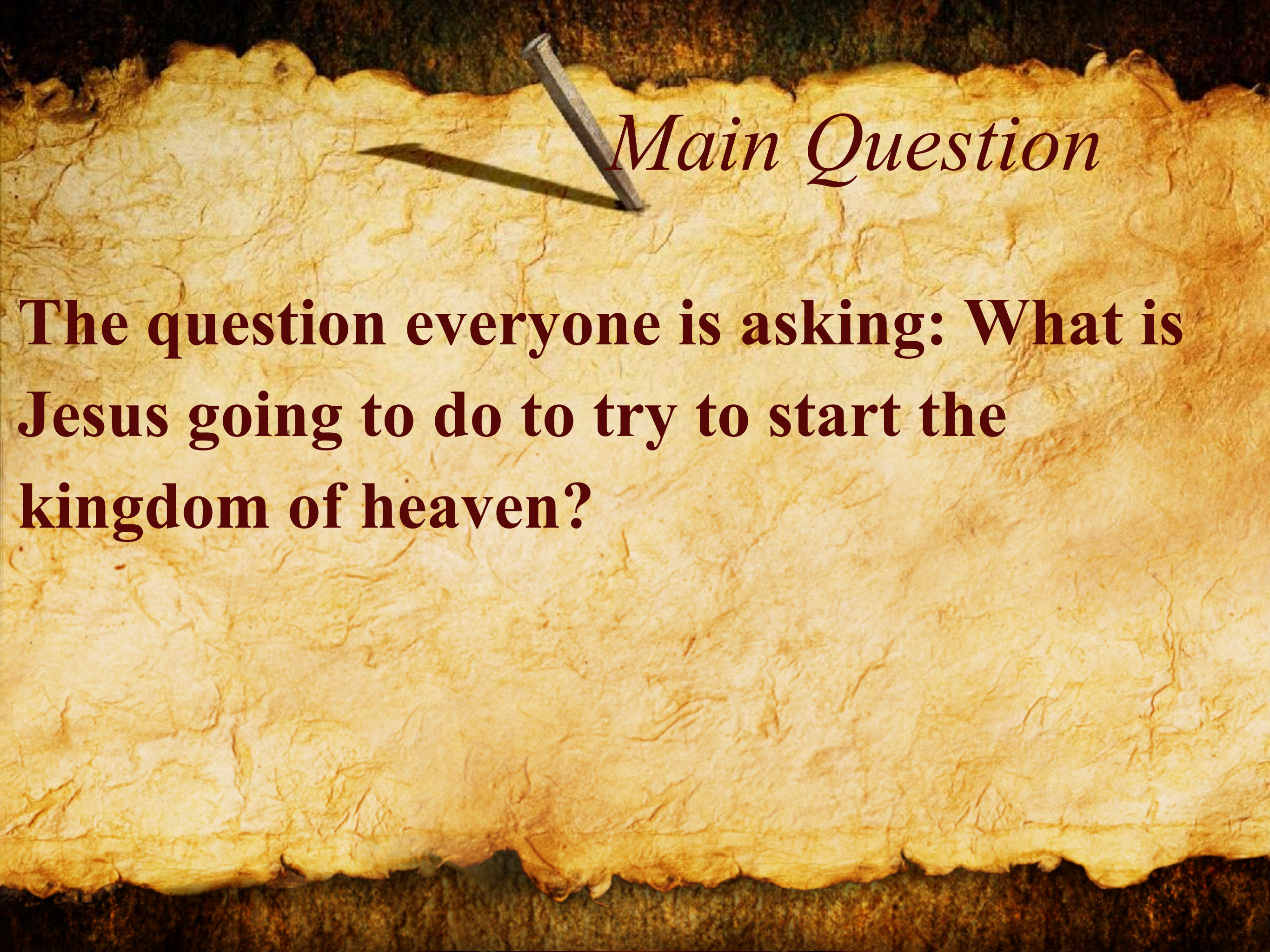
Who is YOUR King?!?



Who is the Judge?

Matthew 26:57-68





Main Question

The question everyone is asking: What is Jesus going to do to try to start the kingdom of heaven?



Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.

Matthew 26:57



And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

Matthew 26:58



Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,

Matthew 26:59



but they found none, though many
false witnesses came forward. At
last two came forward

Matthew 26:60



and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”

Matthew 26:61



And the high priest stood up and said,
“Have you no answer to make? What
is it that these men testify against you

Matthew 26:62



But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” ?”

Matthew 26:63



Jesus said to him, “You have said so.
But I tell you, from now on you will
see the Son of Man seated at the right
hand of Power and coming on the
clouds of heaven.”

Matthew 26:64



Then the high priest tore his robes
and said, “He has uttered blasphemy.
What further witnesses do we need?
You have now heard his blasphemy.

Matthew 26:65



What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”

Matthew 26:66



Then they spit in his face and struck
him. And some slapped him,

Matthew 26:67



saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ!
Who is it that struck you?”

Matthew 26:68



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- 3.) Afraid of life being upended



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Our Response:

- 1.) Be ready to let Jesus upend our life
- 2.) Make the kingdom of heaven the focus



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