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SERMON NOTES

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The King and His Kingdom

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Kingdom Ambitions in a Fallen World

Top 5 Most Expensive Auction Purchases (as of 2021)

1. Leonardo Da Vinci's *Salvator Mundi* - \$450.3 million, 2017
2. Pablo Picasso's *Les Femmes d'Alger* - \$179.4 million, 2015
3. The Gigayacht - \$168 million (Bought by a Russian billionaire in an online eBay auction. Also owns a \$500 million yacht he purchased in 2010.)
4. Giacometti's *Pointing Man* sculpture - \$141.3 million, 2017
5. Jeff Koon's *Rabbit* - \$91.1 million, 2019

Twitter Purchase - \$44 BILLION, Elon Musk, 2022

"The Sermon is Christianity's answer to the greatest metaphysical question that humanity has always faced - How can we experience true human flourishing? What is happiness, blessedness, shalom, and how does one obtain and sustain it?"

- Jonathan T. Pennington, *The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing*

"We can't not worship because we can't not love something as ultimate.

- James K.A. Smith, *You Are What You Love*

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1. Jesus invites us to reorder our priorities.
2. Jesus invites us to refocus our worldview.
3. Jesus invites us to rest in His presence, promise, and provision.

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your god."

- Martin Luther

“In the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is no such thing as atheism. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And an outstanding reason for choosing some sort of god... to worship is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive.”

- David Foster Wallace

“Your credit card and bank statements are theological statements. They highlight what we treasure, what we run to for comfort, what idols we hope in, and how we invest in God’s kingdom. You might do well to open your account statements with a trusted friend for evaluation.”

- Pastor Garret Kell

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep in order to keep what he cannot lose.”

- Jim Elliot

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

- C.S. Lewis

“Jesus does not remove desire; He redirects it. Rather than uproot all human ambition and passion, Jesus counsels us to make it our ambition to be a success before the Father... Jesus does not quash ambition; He elevates it.”

- Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Christbook*

“When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened.”

- Winston Churchill

“Anxiety is always the result of a collapsing false god.”

- Tim Keller

“What must happen in the individual human heart, most fundamentally, most deeply, for a man or woman to get traction and grow? The way we grow is receiving the heartfelt love of Jesus. So let your union and communion with Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners, take you deeper, ever deeper, into the wonders of the gospel. And watch your heart, and therefore your whole life, blossom.”

- Dane Ortlund, *Deeper*