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Application: Be wary of prioritizing religious ritual over heart transformation

Contrast 2: A king from an other-worldly kingdom

- Jesus' kingdom relies on truth not force

Application: Jesus' followers listen to and represent in the world His truthful voice

Contrast 3: The tragic rejection of absolute truth

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