

Jesus Is King

I. Palm Sunday

A. Jesus Triumphal Entry

1. *The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"* **Matthew 21:6-9 (NIV)**

2. Riding on colt

- a. In Matthew 21 he tells His disciples to get a colt, a young donkey that had never been sat on.
- b. *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.* **Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)**
- c. The donkey symbolized Him coming in peace.

3. Spread cloaks on road

- a. This was to honor Him as King
- b. In 2 kings 9:13 the people did the same thing for King Jehu

4. Waving palm branches

a. *They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"* **John 12:13 (NIV)**

1. The waving of palm branches symbolized victory
2. They shouted "Hosanna" which is often thought of as a declaration of praise but it actually means "Please deliver us!"

II. Misconception of Jesus in those times

A. Most Jews thought the Messiah would be a warrior King like David.

1. *Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.* **Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)**

B. Jesus debunked this misconception when He spoke to Pilate *Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

John 18:36 (NIV)

1. All those people called him King but didn't truly know what it meant.
2. They had molded Jesus into who they thought He was.

Personal Application

III. We have misconceptions of Jesus.

A. Different reasons

1. How we grew up (parents)
2. Watered down messages
 - a. Paul spoke to the Corinthian church on believing a "different Jesus" than the one who preached.
 - b. *For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.*

2 Corinthians 11:4 (NIV)

3. The world molding our view

IV. Aspects of a King

A. A King has authority and power

1. We say Jesus is King but does the way we live reflect a life submitted to Jesus' authority?
2. Does Jesus have authority over everything we do?
 - a. Our decisions, actions, thoughts, parenting, marriages, etc

B. A King is Reverenced

1. Reverence definition- profound or deep respect; honor

2. To fear God- regard with reverence and awe.

3. We wouldn't approach a King casually
4. Our worship is not acceptable to God unless it's with reverence
 - a. *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God*

acceptably with reverence and awe. **Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)**

5. A lack of reverence affects our prayers
 - a. *While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. **Hebrews 5:7 (NIV)***

V. A King has servants

A. Should not be a burden

1. *In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome **1 John 5:3 (NIV)***

B. Keep His commands

1. If we say we love the Lord and that He is king then we must be obedient to His word

C. Not for a pat on the back

1. *“When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, ‘Come in and eat with me’? No, he says, ‘Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.’ And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. In the same way, when you obey me, you should say, ‘We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.’” **Luke 17:7-10 (NLT)***

VI. Renew our minds

1. Romans 12:2 says not to be conformed to this world but be TRANSFORMED by the renewing of our minds.

- a. We can't allow the world to mold our view of Jesus.
- b. This is the Word of the Lord, the Word transforms us and the transformation process is not always comfortable, but it produces **PURE JOY**