

IT'S PERSONAL

MY KING

PART 1

Whose king?

READ MATTHEW 21:1-10

INTRODUCTION

This portion of Scripture is so important because it shows us the start of the end of Jesus' time here on earth until He comes again on the day of the Lord. We can often read over these verses and get lost in the build up of Easter and the holiday but, it is important that we slow down and look at what was happening in the city of David on this day. Jesus, up to this point was teaching and performing miracles among the people and there were a couple of times that they wanted to force Him to be their king but, the time hadn't yet come and so He denied them that opportunity. This day came, and He allowed them to herald Him as the king.

Jesus knew that His time had come and that He was entering into Jerusalem for the last time until after His death. He knew that in a few days He would be nailed to a cross and would be killed to pay for sins that He never committed. He took this opportunity to show us how a king should act in a humble and yet noble manner. Everything about the entry of a king into his city was designed to bring pomp and circumstance to the king and here Jesus shows that a king can be a ruler and yet, be meek and mild in his attitude towards the people.

Being a king means that the people were committing their lives to Jesus. The strange part about that is that in just a few short days, the same people who proclaimed Him as king would be demanding for His life via crucifixion. We desire Christ to be our king and that is a good thing. We must give up our personal desires and put Him on the throne in our lives if we are to truly glorify Him as the King in our hearts. This is the only way that we can glorify Him in our hearts in fact.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your understanding of kingship? How does that differ from what the people here were desiring? What made them proclaim Christ as king in this moment?
2. Read Daniel 9:24-27. This passage deals directly with the day that Jesus would enter into Jerusalem. What else do you see in this passage that is interesting? Why?
3. How do you think Jesus felt during the ride into town? What would be your emotions knowing that you were entering into your death? Why didn't Jesus say something or do something about it?
4. Is it encouraging to know that Jesus is humble even in His claim to the throne? Why or why not?
5. How can you better allow Jesus to rule in your heart? What are the ways that you have tried to be the "king"? How can you change that?

WRAP UP

Jesus desires all of us and not just bits and pieces. He desires to rule in your life and to be the King over everything in your life. He is a gentleman and does not force you into submission but allows you to try and reign in your life if you think you can do better. His hope is that you will understand that there is no better king to have than God because He is the One that knows the beginning from the end. He knows how to deal with anything. He knows how to save us.