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King and Messiah

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WHAT DOES
JESUS'
ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM
REVEAL
ABOUT HIS
LEADERSHIP?

The
POINT ➤ Jesus is King and Messiah.

➤ LUKE 19:28-40

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode

along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Donkeys have “dichromatic” (two-color) vision like horses and other equine species.²

In today’s passage, we see Jesus riding a donkey as He heads toward Jerusalem on the Sunday before His crucifixion. Two descriptions stand out about Jesus in these verses: King and Messiah. In American culture today, these terms are not often used. You might read about a king in English class and hear the word Messiah in a Bible study, but again, these aren’t popular words. Yet, for the believer, they carry a lot of weight. Jesus is both King and Messiah, and He had to be both.

What or who comes to mind when you hear the words King and Messiah? Take a moment to reflect on this. As we read Luke 19:28-40, keep the words King and Messiah in mind.

LUKE 19:28-34

1 Do you listen closely to Jesus and follow His leading? What does this look like in your daily life?

2 How do you respond to Jesus’ authority in your life? Do you still seek control? Explain.



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Jesus is the King and Messiah, fully God in human body. No one is greater, and nothing can surpass Him.



Jesus came to save His people—that was His purpose. #BSFLStudents HowtoLiveWell

LUKE 19:35-38

- 3** Jesus came to do what only He could do. Why is this important to believe?
- 4** The people's response didn't change Jesus' mission. What does this tell you about Jesus' leadership?
- 5** How do we see Jesus' love for humanity in this passage?

LUKE 19:39-40

- 6** Why is it important that we don't allow people's responses to derail us from the mission God has us on?
- 7** What do the disciples' response and the Pharisees' response tell us about how they viewed Jesus?
- 8** Do you agree with the statement that our actions reveal who we serve? Why or why not?



LIVE IT OUT



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As student ministry leaders, we must help students see the Jesus of the Bible. He is King and Messiah, and nothing will ever change this reality. He rules and reigns over all, and this leads us as believers to have confidence here on earth and for all eternity. As students will see in this session, the responses to this are vastly different, but this does not change who Jesus is.

>CHRIST

9 Why must Jesus be King and Messiah?

10 What implications does this have for our lives?

GOD

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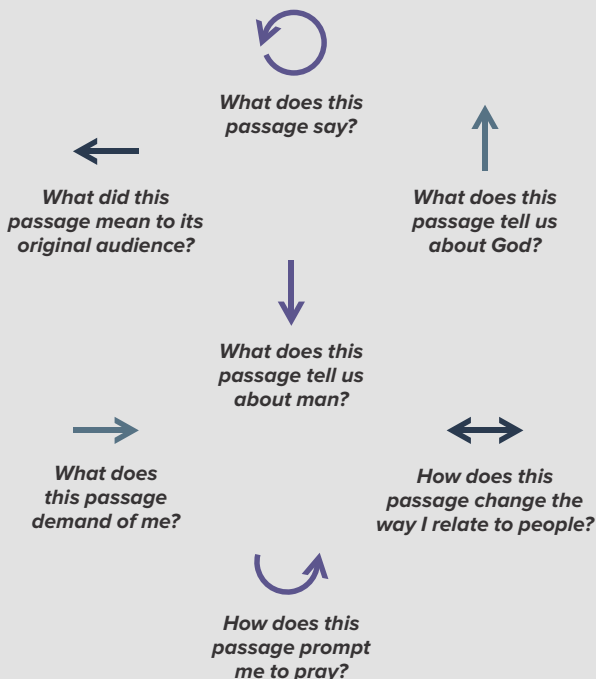
FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One ZECHARIAH 9:9

In this week's main session, we looked at what many call the triumphal entry. This took place a week before Jesus would be tried and crucified. We were reminded that Jesus is King and Messiah. In Zechariah 9:9, we read the prophecy revealed in this passage—Jesus is described as the righteous and victorious King coming for us. The fact that Jesus rode a donkey signified His humility and distinguished Him from any other “king” they had experienced.

King Jesus came to us and for us. Scripture says He took on the posture of a servant to give His life for us. Jesus knew what lay ahead for Him, and He willingly followed God's plan of redemption. In Jesus' humility, we see His love for us, which is like none other we can experience.

- **What does it tell you about Jesus that He displayed kingship and humility in the same moment?**
- **How does Jesus' humility reveal His love for us?**

Day Two

JOHN 18:36



In John 18:36, we see an interaction between Jesus and Pilate. Jesus told him that His kingdom is “not of this world.” Then, Jesus described to Pilate how His kingdom differs from what Pilate had in mind. Jesus’ power and authority came from the heavenly Father, not from this world. Jesus could have commanded anything to happen in this moment, and it would have been done. It was not a lack of “power” on Jesus’ part but rather an act of love that was occurring. Jesus, on our behalf, was bringing us into a right relationship with Him through His death, burial, and resurrection.

Sometimes, we think too much about this world and lose our focus on the present moment. Jesus spent His earthly ministry telling His followers, “But I tell you . . .” This was a reminder that life in God’s kingdom causes us to live differently from the world. Our King showed us how to do this with humility and grace.

- **How is the kingdom of heaven different from any other “kingdom”?**
- **How does being a citizen of God’s kingdom change the way you live?**

Day Three

PSALM 118:25-26

In our main session’s passage, the people shouted, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.” This was recognition for who Jesus is and the fact that this blessed King would bring about peace. The *Exalting Jesus in Luke*⁴ commentary describes this passage in this way: “Whoever knows Jesus and has seen his mighty works cannot help but praise him. The Pharisees want Jesus to rebuke his disciples because of this praise (v. 39). They think the crowd has gone too far. They don’t like to see Jesus praised as king. They don’t like this talk of glory where Jesus is concerned. They want this ended.”

Psalms 118:26 is the prophecy that the people in this passage were referencing. One of the things we can learn from this passage is that Jesus’ coming was met with various responses. Here we see shouts of praise and moments of rebuke. How do you view Jesus?

- **What leads you to praise King Jesus?**
- **What does the Pharisees’ response tell us about the condition of their hearts?**

Day Four

HABAKKUK 2:9-11

Have you ever been outside and seen a beautiful sunset over the mountains? Or sat on your back porch and heard random things in the air? Think about this: All creation points to God. In this Old Testament passage, we see the words Jesus quoted in Luke 19. Jesus said that even the stones would praise Him, even if His disciples did not. From the very beginning of time, creation and nature have displayed the glory of God's handiwork. Jesus was helping people see that He alone is worthy of all worship and adoration. He is King and Messiah.

How do you praise Jesus with your life? Is your worship of God evident in the things you say and do? This passage also helps us see that God is sovereign over all things, including us and all created things. He desires for us to worship Him in all things.

➤ **How does God's handiwork speak to His greatness?**

➤ **What can happen if we don't worship God in all things?**

Day Five

LUKE 19:10



In our main session's passage, Jesus is a week from the moments that would forever change humanity (His death, burial, and resurrection). Our verse today reminds us of Jesus' purpose: to seek and save the lost. He spent countless hours in conversations, miracles, and teachings revealing that He is the Savior of the world. The King and Messiah humbled Himself so we could have life.

Jesus died for you, so will you live for Him? What will you make your life's mission? Think about how God has wired you—your personality, gifting, and passions. How are you using these things to make the name of Jesus famous? His mission gives our lives purpose and a calling to pursue. As you live out your faith, you may encounter people like the disciples who ran toward the things of Jesus. You may also encounter people like the Pharisees who were more concerned with their own interests.

➤ **When was the last time you shared your faith? Who can you share the gospel with right now?**

➤ **How would you describe Jesus' mission to a friend who does not go to church?**