

WHAT KIND OF KING?

MAIN TAKEAWAY

At the triumphal entry, Jesus entered Jerusalem and moved toward His mission with authority as the prophesied, the undeniable, and the suffering King.

INTRODUCTION

Do you tend to avoid crowds or be attracted to them? Why?

Jerusalem was crowded with people during Passover, and expectations were high for what Jesus would do. But only Jesus truly knew His mission—not the crowds, religious rulers, or even the disciples. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem (Luke 9:31, 51; 18:31-33)?

UNDERSTANDING

READ LUKE 19:28-44

The Prophesied King (v.28-36). At the triumphal entry, how did Jesus reveal that He was the promised King (Zechariah 9:9)?

Jesus is just, brings salvation, and is lowly. Why should these prophecies cause us to “rejoice greatly”? How do these characteristics communicate the gospel message?

The Undeniable King (v.37-40). Everyone must answer the question: What kind of King is this? Why doesn't Jesus allow us the option to view Him as a moral teacher, good example, or prophet (Daniel 7:13-14)?

The crowd rightfully acknowledged Jesus, but how did they still miss Him? How does this happen today?

***The Suffering King* (v.41-44). Jesus suffered and died for you (Isaiah 53:4-5; Hebrews 5:7). Instead of a suffering King, what did the crowd expect the Messiah to do? How is Jesus' suffering still surprising today?**

Jesus wept (Luke 19:41; John 11:35). What is the difference between how Jesus wept at Lazarus' tomb and how He wept over Jerusalem?

APPLICATION

Pastor Jonathan said, "Jesus did not come to advise your life; He came to rule it." Why might people view Jesus as a therapist, teacher, or coach, instead of as King? How might this influence the way we communicate the gospel message?

What is the difference between admiring Jesus and surrendering to Him? What has this looked like in your relationship with Christ?

What kind of King is Jesus to you? How did each of the points from the message—the prophesied, undeniable, suffering King—cause you to appreciate who Jesus is and what He came to do?

PRAYER

Praise King Jesus! Rejoice in Christ's justice, salvation, and humility. Give thanks that Jesus moved toward His mission with authority—it was prophesied and undeniable. Meditate upon the sufferings of Jesus during Passion Week and prepare your heart to celebrate His resurrection.