



The Real Jesus – Our King

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Key Scriptures

Matthew 12:40, 21:1-11

Ephesians 3:20-21

1 Timothy 3:16

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Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any parts that need more clarification? What stood out? What did you not understand? What did you see in a new light?
- Do you like mysteries? Why or why not? Do you like mystery, or do you want everything explained and in a neat package?
- In what sense(s) do you think of a) God, b) God's activities as being mysterious?

Read Matthew 21:1-11

- Have you ever noticed how often Jesus borrows things?
- What are some of the things he borrowed?
- Have you ever noticed how often Christians are hesitant to a) ask to borrow something, b) offer to lend something?
- Why is it important to understand Jesus's self limitation?
- Why does God partner with us to accomplish his purposes in this world?
- What is the significance of coats & palm branches being waved and/or spread on the road?
- Why does Jesus often use illustrations (what are some of those examples?) of the small beginnings of his kingdom?
- "Hosanna" is a cry for help. In what sense is this true for the Palm Sunday shouts? What were people expecting?
- How do you handle the mismatch between what you pray for and what God sometimes delivers?
 - Why are our expectations different from what God does?
 - What do you do to bring your expectations in line with God's truth?
- How does understanding Jesus as King who also suffers help?
- Paradox is another way of seeing mystery.
 - What are some of the paradoxes you see in the Bible?
 - How do these help you have a fuller picture of Jesus and God's kingdom?

This Week

- Finish reading **Luke 23-24**
- Interact and reflect over the above questions
- Plan on being part of **Maundy Thursday** – 18 April – **5:45pm**
- Plan on being part of **Good Friday** – 19 April – **10:30am**
- Plan on celebrating **Easter** – 21 April – **9:20am**