

# Jesus is King

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<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favour. <sup>21</sup> “What is your request?” he asked.

She replied, “In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honour next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.”

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered by saying to them, “You don’t know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?”

“Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!”

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<sup>23</sup> Jesus told them, “You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.”

<sup>24</sup> When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. <sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

# The King they expected

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will **be no end**, on the **throne of David and over his kingdom**, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and **forevermore**. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Daniel 7:13-14

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given **dominion and glory and a kingdom**, that **all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him**.

**his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.**

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Isaiah 61: 1-2

**61** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,  
for the Lord has anointed me  
to bring **good news to the poor.**

He has sent me to **comfort the broken-hearted**  
and to proclaim that **captives will be released**  
and **prisoners will be freed.**

<sup>2</sup> He has sent me to tell those who mourn  
that **the time of the Lord's favour has come,**  
**and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.**

# The King they expected

1. Someone who would set up a Kingdom on David's throne.
2. He would rule forever.
3. He would have dominion over all peoples, nations and languages.
4. His kingdom would never be destroyed.
5. He would release prisoners and captives.
6. He would bring God's favour to those who he came to rescue and God's anger against their enemies.

# What Kind of King is Jesus?

Matthew 16:15-18, 21

<sup>15</sup> Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. <sup>18</sup> Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and **upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.**

<sup>21</sup> From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. **He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.**

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Philippians 2: 5-11

<sup>6</sup> Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.

<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
**he took the humble position of a slave**  
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

<sup>8</sup> **he humbled himself in obedience to God**  
**and died a criminal's death on a cross.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour  
and gave him the name above all other names,

<sup>10</sup> **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,**  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

# What Kind of King is Jesus?

Jesus came as a King who

1. Established a kingdom in the hearts and lives of his followers.
2. Came to suffer, die and rise again from the dead.
3. Came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.
4. Humbled himself to death
5. Defeated the true enemy – Sin, Death and Hell.

# Two Ways to Live

