

Jesus- Humble King of Peace Matt.21:1-17 *Jesus' Suffering Ministry* 4-9-17

The Big Question: Who is this man, Jesus?

Clue: **Zech.14:4** “*His feet will stand on the Mt. of Olives.*”

Still the big question! Let God answer thru Matthew’s story... watch Jesus!

1. GOD’S PROMISED MESSIAH

*** The Divine King**

~ Jesus chooses to live out God’s promised Word. **v.5**

~ Long line of Kings always point to God their King!

Jesus rides into Jerusalem as the King, in the flesh, comes to us!

*** The Humble King**

~ Humble King rides on donkey ... Lowly ... He is our Peace

-Contrast: Alexander the Great Jerusalem 332 BC on warhorse!

No triumphal entry here! Humble King Jesus: fully God & fully human!

Draws people to himself = Accessible - approachable for everyone.

Responses: > Pray to save us.

> City shakes: Who is this man, Jesus?

2. THE KING OF PEACE

*** Brings People Together into One**

~ Space for ALL to worship. Let *nothing* eliminate worshipers.

~ Accessible worship may mean doing some things differently!

*** Brings Healing & Peace/Shalom**

~ Jesus draws in the outcasts, vulnerable, poor, forgotten ...

~ Presence of Jesus prompts praise!

We need strong **Diaconal** ministries & strong **Worship** ministries

Will we listen & learn from Jesus?

Go to Page 2 for more reflections on Jesus’ last week.

Jesus' Week of Serving & Suffering

Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

John 12:23-33 Jesus Is Glorified

1. How is the glory of God shown in Jesus' life?
2. How can God's glory be shown in our living?

John 13:1-17 Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet

1. Why does Jesus call this action loving his own?
2. How does Jesus' power show itself in foot washing?
3. What foot washing kind of serving might you do in your family?

John 18:1-14 Jesus Betrayed & Arrested

1. How does Jesus control the situation with Judas & the soldiers?
2. How does Jesus protect his disciples? Us?

John 18:15-18, 25-27 Peter Denies Jesus

1. How clear was it that Peter was identified as a follower of Jesus?
2. How does this make his denials more hurtful?
3. How could we deny Jesus?

John 19:1-16 Jesus Declared Innocent By Pilate

1. Why does Pilate find reason to charge Jesus with a crime?
2. Why is it important that Jesus be found innocent?
3. In spite of the failed government's justice, how does injustice work for our salvation?