

## Jesus the King

Jesus entered Jerusalem as a King. He is indeed, **the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords** (Rev. 19:16) and He is the **Lord of the eternal Kingdom of Heaven** (Mathew 16:28, Mathew 25:34, 2Tim 4:1). This kingship came as a fulfillment of the prophecy of Prophet Zechariah some 450 years earlier when he said in the spirit: **“Rejoice greatly O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.”** (Zechariah 9:9)

+ Jesus is a **modest King** who does not impose Himself on anyone, but rather He enters quietly and knocks on the door of the heart, **“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”** (Rev. 3:20)

+ He is also a **weeping King** who is eager to our salvation, and who works for our peace. He cries over us when we reject Him, as He cried over Jerusalem when He looked upon her because **she did not know the time of her visitation.** (Luke 19).



+ He is also the **King of the saints** (Rev. 15:3), we cannot reign with Him except as saints. After His royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus was keen to clean the Temple from those who have turned it into a market place, and he brought back the spirit of prayer to it. More over, He did not allow anyone to bring merchandise into the temple (Mark 11:16). This shows how much Jesus cares about the purity and holiness of our lives as major precondition for gaining membership in his kingdom.

+ He is a **King who loves mankind**, His goal is not to control us and take advantage of us like earthly kings do. Rather, He wants us to **partake of the joy of his kingdom** and to enjoy His love, richness, and kingship. He longs to give us, not to take from us. **“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”** (Romans 8:32).

+ He is a **King over hearts**, not over material throne or a palace made of stones. He looks forward to reign over the temple that His hands artfully created; that is our hearts and our lives! **“The Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands.”** (Acts 7:48) **“My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways”** (Proverbs 23:26)

+ He is a **King, but not from this momentary world**, **“My kingdom is not of this world”** (John 18:36). His glory is greater than all the vain glories of this world, **“The glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.”** (1Cor. 15:40) He asks us to die to the glory of this world so that we live in the glory of His kingdom. He invites us to be patient in the toil of sojourn in this earthly life so that we may take part in the light of His eternity. **“For If we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.”** (2 Tim 2: 11,12)

May the blessings of Palm Sunday be with us, Amen.

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