

Sermon Guide April 6, 2020
“The Once and Future King”
Luke 19:28-44

Sermon Notes:

“Your religion is what you do with your solitude”

Jesus is not the king that we necessarily expect. This passage shows three things Jesus does that tell us about the kind of king he is.

- 1) The king displays his humanity and his humility
 - a) He brings together majesty and humility; glory and poverty
 - b) We look forward to the idea of the great king riding in to save the day. But the history of kings is mostly one of tyranny. We need a truly great king.
 - c) “There is in Jesus Christ a conjunction of diverse excellencies”
- 2) The king receives his glory
- 3) The king weeps for his people
 - a) He knows how quickly joy can turn to sorrow... and praise can turn to lament
 - b) Until you have settled things with your creator, you will not have true peace.

This needs to go deeper than your notebook.

Reflect:

- 1) Sean quoted Jonathan Edwards, who commented that “there is in Jesus Christ a conjunction of diverse excellencies,” referring to the contrasts like lion and lamb or servant and king. As you think of Jesus, what “excellencies” stand out to you the most that are encouraging and helpful as you follow him?
- 2) Does it bother you that Jesus is not the kind of king you might expect? If so, why? If not, why not? What do these responses reveal about your heart?
- 3) Jesus, the king, receives glory, but we don’t always give it, and we don’t always recognize his glory in the midst of a busy life. How can you see and praise his glory more effectively?
- 4) We have a God who knows pain and sorrow. Jesus wept with sorrow. How does this reality encourage or comfort or challenge you currently?
- 5) Sean challenged us to “go deeper than your notebook” with what we see about Jesus here. Look over the three points again. Which of these is hardest for you to accept? Why? Which is the most comforting? Why? Which is the most challenging? Why?

Study:

- 1) Read through Romans 1:18-32 together.
 - a) What did people do with the truth about God? Discuss everything you can find in the passage.
 - b) Verse 21 points out a critical step: they did not honor God as God, or give him thanks. How does this lack of thankfulness work itself out in the rest of the passage?
 - c) What can these observations teach us about glorifying God?

Pray:

- 1) **Scripture:** Read and pray through Psalm 115.
- 2) **Identity:** As you pray, remember that you are citizens of God's kingdom. Jesus is your great king.
- 3) **Redemption:** As you pray, remember that Jesus the great king will come to make all things right.