

**Who Is This Man?**  
**King**  
**March 24, 2024**

As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message and the scriptures. Work through the discussion guide by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message

**Opening Question:**

What title do you most often attribute to Jesus? (King, God, Son of God, Messiah)

**Read the following scripture together:**

**Matthew 21:6-19**

*The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,*

*"Hosanna<sup>[a]</sup> to the Son of David!"*

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"<sup>[b]</sup>*

*"Hosanna<sup>[c]</sup> in the highest heaven!"*

*When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"*

**Scriptures referenced:**

Matthew 21:12-13, John 18:33-35, John 18:36, John 18:37, John 19:19, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Matthew 28:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17

**A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:**

- Was there something new you learned from this message?
- Was there anything from the message that challenged you?
- What implications does this title for Jesus (King) have for your life?
- How did the message encourage you?

**A FEW POINTS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

The Messiah would come from King David's line and restore his kingdom. Jesus is riding a donkey, a royal animal in ancient Israel. This crowd was hoping and begging for Jesus to be their warrior king. Jesus acknowledged that He understood himself to

be the messianic King. If Jesus did not want to be king, He would not have ridden the donkey. **We have to take Jesus for who He is, not for who we want Him to be. Why is this still so difficult for us?**

As Jesus entered the city, He went straight to the temple. The outer court of the Gentiles was filled with people buying and selling, exchanging money, and selling sacrifices for Passover. Jesus was angry because their business within the temple was keeping people from worshipping God. This is ultimately what gets Jesus killed. **Talk about this incident, one of the few when Jesus was known to get angry. Does this seem an appropriate time for Him to be angry?**

Jesus says, in effect, yes, I am a king, but not as you think. Earthly Kingdoms are built and held together by power and violence, and if I were a typical king, that's exactly what I would do. My Kingdom is unlike anything you have ever seen or experienced; it won't make any sense to you. It's an upside-down kingdom. The first are last, the persecuted are blessed, and the meek inherit the earth. **What is one way you can rearrange your priorities this week to honor Jesus as King over you?**

#### **CLOSING: PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP**

Take time in your group to pray for each other. Break into groups of 2-3, asking each other, "How can I pray for you specifically this week?" Spend time praying for those needs.