



JESUS IS KING!

- **The background**
- Popular acclaim – “King”
- **Passover**
- Religious Festival and National Celebration
- Kingdom of God
- “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord”
- Risky and provocative, if misunderstood

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- **1) What compelled Jesus to approach Jerusalem in this way?**
- Riding on a colt – a dramatic act/parable
- Invites and encourages recognition as Messiah/ King
- **What kind of king?**
- A message of peace
- Zechariah Zech. 9: 9-10: Righteousness; Salvation; Freedom

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- **2) Reaction of those witnessing these events?**
- Time for public declaration
- A new kind of King
- Psalm 118: 20-27- a prophecy of the following days
- **Now** - affection and enthusiasm for King Jesus
- **Then** - “We have no king but Caesar!”
- **False Expectations>>>Disappointment>>>Disillusion**

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- **What does recognizing Jesus as King mean?**
- Accept God's mercy and forgiveness
- Accept Jesus as Lord
- Acknowledge his rule in our hearts and minds
- A life with Jesus at the Centre

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- **3) What led Jesus to weep over Jerusalem?**
- a) Compassion for the city's fate
- b) Sadness at His People's blindness

- **Our Need**
- Spirit's illumination
- Understand correctly
- Respond

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- **The Challenges**
- **i) “What shall I do with the one you call the king of the Jews?”**
- **Depth and quality of our allegiance?**
- **ii) Our appetite to communicate the message of the kingdom?**
- **Serve Him more effectively**