

## **Mosaic**

### **Week 6: Unexpected**

**Objective:** To challenge us to accept the Lordship of Jesus and join him in living out His upside-down way of life.

#### **ICEBREAKER**

Have you ever experienced an unexpected plot twist—in a movie, a book, or real life—that completely changed how you understood what was happening?  
How did it change your expectations?

#### **1. An Unexpected Promise**

Read 2 Samuel 7:12–16.

David wanted to build a house for God. Instead, God promised to establish David's house—a kingdom that would endure forever.

- What does God's response reveal about His plans compared to David's?
- Why would this promise shape Israel's expectations of the coming Messiah?

#### **2. “Who Do You Say I Am?”**

Read Matthew 16:13–20.

Peter correctly identifies Jesus as the Messiah, the promised King.

- Why was Peter's declaration so significant?
- How can someone recognize who Jesus is but still misunderstand what He came to do?

#### **3. The Unexpected Plot Twist**

Read Matthew 16:21–23.

Jesus tells His disciples that He must suffer, die, and rise again. Peter immediately objects.

- Why was this so difficult for Peter to accept?
- How do our own expectations sometimes get in the way of understanding what God is doing?

#### **4. A Different Kind of King**

The sermon contrasts the kingdoms of this world, which often depend on power and control, with Jesus' Kingdom, characterized by sacrifice and service.

- What makes Jesus' way of exercising power so unexpected?
- Where do we see the world's understanding of power influencing Christians today?

#### **5. “Take Up Your Cross”**

Read Matthew 16:24–25.

Jesus invites His followers to walk the same self-giving path He has chosen.

- What does denying ourselves and taking up our cross actually mean?
- How is following Jesus different from simply believing the right things about Him?

#### **6. Living by Kingdom Values**

Jesus describes Kingdom life through humility, mercy, peacemaking, generosity, and love—even for our enemies.

- Which of these Kingdom values most challenges the way our culture operates?
- Which one is most difficult for you to practice consistently?

#### **7. Calling Him King, Resisting His Reign**

The sermon reminds us that it's possible to acknowledge Jesus as King while resisting the way He reigns.

- Why do we sometimes prefer our way over Jesus' way, even when we know better?
- What are some signs that we're trying to follow Jesus on our own terms?

#### **8. Making Our King Visible**

Jesus calls His followers to demonstrate His Kingdom through lives of self-giving love.

- How does living by Jesus' values help others see what our King is like?
- Where might Jesus be asking you to surrender your way and follow His this week?



## **FINAL THOUGHT**

Israel expected a powerful King who would defeat their enemies and restore their nation. Jesus came as that promised King—but His throne was a cross, and His victory came through sacrifice. He invites us into His Kingdom, not simply to receive His grace, but to live according to His values.

JESUS IS AN UNEXPECTED KING WHO REIGNS IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY.

## **THIS WEEK — FOLLOW THE KING**

- **RECOGNIZE.** Where are you claiming Jesus as King but resisting His way?
- **SURRENDER.** Identify one attitude, expectation, or desire that needs to be placed under His authority.
- **SERVE.** Choose one practical way to demonstrate humility, mercy, peacemaking, or self-giving love.
- **FOLLOW.** Pray each day: “Jesus, You are my King. Help me follow Your way.”

