

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Centred on Jesus

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"Sin is primarily a disorder of love." St. Augustine

What is at the centre of your life?

- **There is only One King who doesn't enslave us when we centre our lives on him.**

Matthew 21:1-11 (NLT) As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. ² "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them." ⁴ This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, ⁵ "Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.'" ⁶ The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Jesus was in the **center of the procession**, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!" ¹⁰ The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked. ¹¹ And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Why would you want Jesus the Messiah at the centre of your life? Because...

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast."

- **Jesus is the King of Love.**

^{9b}.... "Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Psalms 118:22-29 (NLT) "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see. ²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success. ²⁶ Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you! ²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."

- **Jesus is the King of Life.**

John 14:6 (NLT) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 17:3 (NLT) "And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth."

Big Idea: Invite King Jesus to be the centre of your life.

How do you do this?

- **Invite Christ into the centre of your heart.**
- **Invite Christ into the centre of your priorities.**
- **Invite Christ into the centre of your circumstances.**

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- 7) What kind of King is Jesus and why would we want to follow Him? How does the cross and resurrection speak into this for us?
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