

Generous Giving For A Generous King

Matthew 21:1–11 (NKJV) | Pastor Robert O'Neal

Main Idea of the Sermon

Jesus is our saving King, and He is worthy of our worship and generosity.

Big Truth

Because Jesus is God's true King who came to save us, our proper response is exuberant worship and open-handed generosity.

“Worship and generosity go hand in hand: when we truly worship Christ for who He is, we will gladly give Him what we have.”

1. Recognize Jesus as Royalty (Matthew 21:1–5)

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Zechariah 9:9. He comes in peace, not force.

Principle: Recognizing Jesus as King means acknowledging both His supreme authority and His humble character.

Application: Ask—Is Jesus truly the King of my life? Will I surrender what I have when the Lord has need of it?

Illustration: A CEO arrives in a pickup truck instead of a limo – Jesus comes close, not proud.

2. Respond to Jesus with Reverence (Matthew 21:9–11)

The crowd shouts 'Hosanna!' but many expect a political Savior, not the true Redeemer.

Principle: True worship means adoring Jesus for who He is, not just what we hope He'll do.

Application: Ask—Am I worshiping Jesus for who He is or for what I want Him to do?

Illustration: A child runs to her parent for love, not just gifts. Worship God for who He is.

3. Release to Jesus Your Resources

The donkey owner gave, the disciples obeyed, and the crowd laid down cloaks.

Principle: Everything we have belongs to the King. Using it for His glory is our highest honor.

Application: What is your 'donkey'? Are you willing to give your time, talent, treasure, or plans?

Illustration: Surrender is like signing a blank sheet and giving it to God.

“Nothing given to Christ is ever wasted.” — Pastor Robert

Reflection Questions

1. What does it look like to recognize Jesus as your King?
2. Is your worship based on who Jesus is or what you expect?
3. What resource or area of life is Jesus asking you to release?

Memory Verse

Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV)

“Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey...”

Final Challenge

Worship. Surrender. Give.

Lay down your 'cloak' in honor of King Jesus. He is worthy.