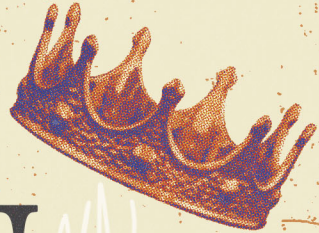
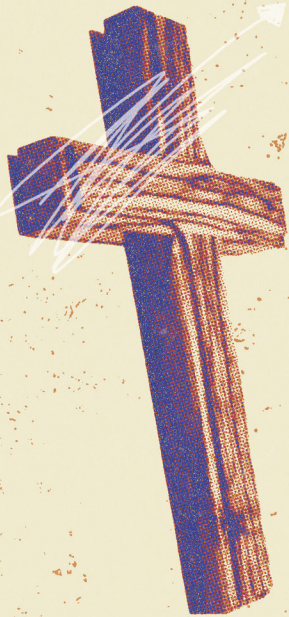


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PASSION WEEK DEVOTIONAL

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# HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL

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THANK YOU FOR COMMITTING TO FOCUS ON PASSION WEEK BY LEADING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH THIS DEVOTION. OUR PRAYER IS THAT THESE MOMENTS EACH DAY WILL HELP YOUR FAMILY REFLECT ON JESUS' FINAL WEEK.

TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS TIME, MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS BY PUTTING AWAY DEVICES WHEN POSSIBLE. WE ENCOURAGE USING THE PRINTED VERSION OF THIS DEVOTION, THOUGH THE DIGITAL VERSION MAY BE USED IF NEEDED.

## FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE RHYTHM EACH DAY:

- FIND A QUIET PLACE WHERE YOUR FAMILY CAN GATHER.
- GRAB YOUR BIBLES & READ THE MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.
- READ THE DEVOTION ALOUD TOGETHER.
- DISCUSS THE REFLECTION QUESTIONS. IF CHILDREN ARE PRESENT, USE THE KID-FRIENDLY QUESTIONS PROVIDED.
- READ THE SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES AND CONSIDER HOW THEY REINFORCE THE DAY'S THEME.
- CONCLUDE WITH A TIME OF PRAYER, THANKING JESUS FOR HIS SACRIFICE AND THE HOPE WE HAVE IN HIM.

OUR PRAYER IS THAT THIS DAILY RHYTHM OF SCRIPTURE AND CONVERSATION WILL MAKE THIS PASSION WEEK MORE MEANINGFUL AS YOU PREPARE YOUR HEARTS TO CELEBRATE RESURRECTION SUNDAY.

## SCRIPTURE

## MATTHEW 21:1-11

WHEN JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM, HE DID SO WITH DELIBERATE PURPOSE. HE INSTRUCTED HIS DISCIPLES TO BRING A DONKEY, FULFILLING THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH: “BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, HUMBLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY.” THIS WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL SYMBOLISM. IT WAS A DECLARATION.

THE LONG-AWAITED KING HAD ARRIVED.

THE CROWD RESPONDED WITH CELEBRATION. CLOAKS WERE LAID ON THE ROAD. PALM BRANCHES WERE WAVED. CRIES OF “HOSANNA!” FILLED THE AIR — “SAVE US NOW!” THEY RECOGNIZED ROYALTY, BUT THEIR UNDERSTANDING WAS INCOMPLETE. THEY LONGED FOR A POLITICAL CONQUEROR, A RULER WHO WOULD OVERTHROW ROME AND RESTORE NATIONAL DOMINANCE. INSTEAD, JESUS CAME AS A HUMBLE KING WHO WOULD FIRST CONQUER SIN AND DEATH.

THIS TENSION REVEALS SOMETHING ABOUT US. WE OFTEN WELCOME JESUS AS LONG AS HE FITS OUR EXPECTATIONS. WE CELEBRATE HIS KINGSHIP WHEN HE BLESSES OUR PLANS, SECURES OUR COMFORT, OR ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS IN THE WAY WE DESIRE. BUT TRUE DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT APPLAUSE; IT IS SURRENDER.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY FORCES A PERSONAL RECKONING: WHAT KIND OF KING HAVE WE RECEIVED? HAVE WE EMBRACED JESUS AS SAVIOR BUT RESISTED HIM AS SOVEREIGN? EVERY HEART HAS A THRONE.

THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER JESUS IS KING IN TITLE — SCRIPTURE AFFIRMS THAT — BUT WHETHER HE REIGNS IN PRACTICE.



**TO WELCOME JESUS AS KING MEANS LAYING DOWN OUR CLOAKS — OUR AMBITIONS, CONTROL, PREFERENCES, AND SELF-RULE. IT MEANS TRUSTING THAT HIS KINGDOM AGENDA IS BETTER THAN OUR OWN. THE SAME CROWD THAT SHOUTED “HOSANNA” WOULD LATER FALL SILENT WHEN THE KING DID NOT MEET THEIR EXPECTATIONS.**

**THE KING HAS ARRIVED. THE DEEPER QUESTION REMAINS: HAS HE TRULY TAKEN HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN YOUR LIFE??**

## QUESTIONS

- 1. WHERE IN YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU WELCOMED JESUS AS SAVIOR BUT RESISTED HIM AS KING?**
- 2. WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE THIS WEEK TO INTENTIONALLY SURRENDER CONTROL IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA TO CHRIST'S AUTHORITY?**

## KIDS QUESTIONS

- 1. WHY DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE WERE SO EXCITED WHEN JESUS CAME INTO JERUSALEM?**
- 2. WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU CAN SHOW JESUS THAT HE IS KING IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?**

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**ZECHARIAH 9:9  
PHILIPPIANS 2:9–11**



**SCRIPTURE****MATTHEW 22:15-46**

**BY TUESDAY OF PASSION WEEK, THE ATMOSPHERE IN JERUSALEM HAD CHANGED. THE CELEBRATION OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY WAS FADING, AND OPPOSITION WAS RISING. THE PHARISEES JOINED FORCES WITH THE HERODIANS — A POLITICAL GROUP LOYAL TO KING HEROD AND SUPPORTIVE OF ROMAN RULE — TO TRAP JESUS WITH A LOADED QUESTION: “IS IT LAWFUL TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR, OR NOT?”**

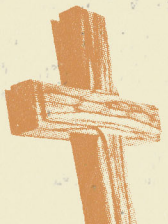
**IT WAS CALCULATED. IF JESUS OPPOSED THE TAX, HE COULD BE ACCUSED OF REBELLION. IF HE SUPPORTED IT, HE RISKED ALIENATING THE PEOPLE.**

**BUT HIS RESPONSE CUT DEEPER THAN POLITICS:**

**“RENDER TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR’S,  
AND TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD’S.”**

**THE COIN BORE CAESAR’S IMAGE. IT BELONGED TO CAESAR. BUT HUMANITY BEARS THE IMAGE OF GOD — AND THEREFORE BELONGS TO HIM. THE TESTING CONTINUED. THE SADDUCEES QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT THE RESURRECTION. A LAWYER ASKED ABOUT THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT. EACH ATTEMPT WAS MEANT TO EXPOSE WEAKNESS. INSTEAD, EVERY ANSWER REVEALED CLARITY, AUTHORITY, AND WISDOM. THE TESTED KING WAS NEVER RATTLED. HE WAS RESOLUTE.**

**FOR THE DISCIPLE, THIS PASSAGE CONFRONTS THE DANGER OF DIVIDED ALLEGIANCE.**



**WE MAY GIVE GOD WHAT FEELS RELIGIOUS WHILE RESERVING OTHER AREAS — CAREER, REPUTATION, FINANCES, INFLUENCE — FOR OURSELVES. BUT WHEN JESUS SUMMARIZED THE LAW — “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, AND MIND” — HE REMOVED THE OPTION OF PARTIAL DEVOTION. KINGS DO NOT SHARE THRONES. THE QUESTIONS MEANT TO TEST JESUS ULTIMATELY TEST US. IF WE BEAR GOD’S IMAGE, THEN OUR LIVES ARE NOT OUR OWN. ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST IS NOT COMPARTMENTAL; IT IS COMPREHENSIVE. THE KING DOES NOT MERELY SEEK AGREEMENT. HE DEMANDS LOYALTY.**

## QUESTIONS

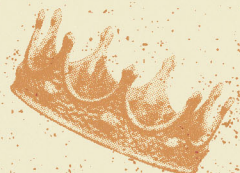
- 1. WHEN YOUR CONVICTIONS CONFLICT WITH CULTURAL EXPECTATIONS OR POLITICAL PRESSURES, WHOSE AUTHORITY ULTIMATELY SHAPES YOUR RESPONSE?**
- 2. IF SOMEONE OBSERVED YOUR PRIORITIES AND DECISIONS THIS WEEK, WHAT EVIDENCE WOULD THEY SEE THAT JESUS IS TRULY KING IN YOUR LIFE?**

## KIDS QUESTIONS

- 1. WHY DO YOU THINK THE LEADERS KEPT TRYING TO TRICK JESUS WITH QUESTIONS?**
- 2. WHAT IS ONE CHOICE YOU CAN MAKE THIS WEEK THAT SHOWS YOU WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS?**

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

**GENESIS 1:27  
JAMES 1:8**



**SCRIPTURE****MATTHEW 26:6-13**

**IN BETHANY, JUST DAYS BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION, A WOMAN ENTERED A DINNER GATHERING WHERE JESUS WAS RECLINING AT THE TABLE. WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT OR HESITATION, SHE POURED A COSTLY ALABASTER JAR OF PERFUME OVER HIS HEAD. THE FRAGRANCE FILLED THE HOUSE. THE DISCIPLES WERE INDIGNANT. "WHY THIS WASTE?" THEY ASKED. THE PERFUME COULD HAVE BEEN SOLD AND THE MONEY GIVEN TO THE POOR. ON THE SURFACE, THEIR OBJECTION SOUNDED REASONABLE. BUT JESUS SAW WHAT THEY DID NOT. "SHE HAS DONE A BEAUTIFUL THING TO ME."**

**THIS WAS NOT IMPULSIVE EMOTION. IT WAS PERCEPTIVE DEVOTION. WHILE OTHERS DEBATED VALUE, SHE RECOGNIZED WORTH. WHILE OTHERS CALCULATED EFFICIENCY, SHE OFFERED SURRENDER. SHE UNDERSTOOD SOMETHING PROFOUND: THE KING WAS WORTHY OF HER MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION.**

**THE CONTRAST IS STRIKING. JUST A FEW VERSES LATER, JUDAS WOULD APPROACH THE CHIEF PRIESTS TO NEGOTIATE BETRAYAL FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER. IN THE SAME CHAPTER, WE SEE EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP AND CALCULATED TREACHERY. BOTH RESPONSES EXIST WHEREVER JESUS IS PROCLAIMED.**

**DISCIPLESHIP INEVITABLY EXPOSES WHAT WE TREASURE MOST.**



**THE WOMAN BROKE OPEN WHAT WAS VALUABLE TO HER. JUDAS CLUNG TO WHAT WAS VALUABLE TO HIM. ONE SURRENDERED HER WEALTH TO HONOR THE KING. THE OTHER SURRENDERED THE KING TO GAIN WEALTH. TRUE DEVOTION OFTEN APPEARS EXCESSIVE TO THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE CHRIST CLEARLY. IT MAY LOOK IMPRACTICAL, RADICAL, EVEN UNREASONABLE. BUT WHEN JESUS IS RIGHTLY UNDERSTOOD AS KING, NOTHING GIVEN TO HIM IS WASTED. EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP IS NOT MEASURED BY EMOTION BUT BY SURRENDER. THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER WE SING LOUDLY OR SERVE PUBLICLY. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE HOLD ANYTHING BACK.**

## QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT POSSESSION, AMBITION, OR SECURITY WOULD FEEL MOST COSTLY FOR YOU TO SURRENDER TO CHRIST?**
- 2. IN SUBTLE WAYS, ARE YOU TEMPTED TO “PRICE” YOUR OBEDIENCE RATHER THAN OFFER IT FREELY?**

## KIDS QUESTIONS

- 1. WHY DO YOU THINK THE WOMAN WANTED TO GIVE JESUS SOMETHING SO VALUABLE?**
- 2. WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU CAN SHOW JESUS THAT YOU LOVE HIM?**

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**2 SAMUEL 24:24  
PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8**



**SCRIPTURE****MATTHEW 26:36-46**

**AFTER THE PASSOVER MEAL, JESUS LED HIS DISCIPLES TO A GARDEN CALLED GETHSEMANE. THE KING WHO HAD ENTERED JERUSALEM TO PUBLIC PRAISE NOW WITHDREW INTO PRIVATE ANGUISH. SCRIPTURE TELLS US HE WAS “SORROWFUL AND TROUBLED.” HE CONFESSED TO HIS CLOSEST FOLLOWERS, “MY SOUL IS VERY SORROWFUL, EVEN TO DEATH.” IN THE GARDEN, WE SEE THE WEIGHT OF WHAT LAY AHEAD. JESUS WAS NOT MERELY ANTICIPATING PHYSICAL SUFFERING. HE WAS PREPARING TO BEAR THE FULL WEIGHT OF SIN AND SEPARATION. THREE TIMES HE PRAYED, “MY FATHER, IF IT BE POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME; NEVERTHELESS, NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS YOU WILL.”**

**THIS IS NOT WEAKNESS. IT IS SUBMISSION.  
KINGS COMMAND. KINGS EXERCISE AUTHORITY. YET HERE,  
THE KING OF KINGS, WHO CAME IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN,  
KNEELS IN SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF GOD.  
BEFORE THE CROSS WAS EVER LIFTED, OBEDIENCE  
WAS SETTLED IN THE GARDEN.**

**THE DISCIPLES COULD NOT STAY AWAKE. BUT JESUS REMAINED RESOLUTE. HIS SUBMISSION WAS NOT EMOTIONAL RESIGNATION; IT WAS DETERMINED TRUST. HE DID NOT FLEE WHEN ARREST CAME. HE DID NOT DEFEND HIMSELF WHEN ACCUSED. HIS AUTHORITY WAS EXPRESSED NOT IN AVOIDING SUFFERING, BUT IN EMBRACING OBEDIENCE.**



**FOR THE DISCIPLE, THIS MOMENT RESHAPES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF STRENGTH. WE OFTEN EQUATE POWER WITH CONTROL, ASSERTIVENESS, OR SELF-PRESERVATION. YET THE SUBMISSIVE KING SHOWS THAT TRUE STRENGTH IS FOUND IN YIELDING TO THE FATHER'S PURPOSES.**

**EVERY BELIEVER WILL FACE MOMENTS OF GETHSEMANE — DECISIONS WHERE COMFORT COMPETES WITH CALLING, WHERE FEAR PRESSES AGAINST FAITH, WHERE OBEDIENCE FEELS COSTLY. IN THOSE MOMENTS, WE FOLLOW A KING WHO HAS ALREADY WALKED THAT PATH. SUBMISSION IS NOT DEFEAT. IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, IT IS VICTORY.**

## QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT CURRENT SITUATION IN YOUR LIFE FEELS LIKE A PERSONAL GETHSEMANE?**
- 2. WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE TO SAY, WITH SINCERITY, “NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS,” IN THAT AREA?**

## KIDS QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS WAS TEACHING US BY PRAYING BEFORE THE HARDEST TEST OF HIS LIFE AS A MAN?**
- 2. WHAT IS SOMETHING HARD YOU CAN ASK GOD TO HELP YOU OBEY THIS WEEK?**

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**HEBREWS 5:8  
PROVERBS 3:5–6**



## SCRIPTURE

## MATTHEW 27:27-54

**THE SOLDIERS MOCKED HIM. THEY STRIPPED HIM, PLACED A SCARLET ROBE ON HIS SHOULDERS, PRESSED A CROWN OF THORNS ONTO HIS HEAD, AND KNELT IN CRUEL IMITATION: "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!" WHAT THEY MEANT AS RIDICULE WAS SATURATED WITH TRUTH. THIS WAS A CORONATION — UNLIKE ANY THE WORLD HAD SEEN.**

**JESUS STOOD SILENT BEFORE FALSE ACCUSATIONS. HE CARRIED HIS CROSS THROUGH JEERING CROWDS. ABOVE HIS HEAD HUNG THE CHARGE: "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS." ROME INTENDED MOCKERY. HEAVEN DECLARED REALITY.**

**THE CRUCIFIXION WAS NOT POLITICAL FAILURE. IT WAS DIVINE PURPOSE. JESUS DID NOT LOSE CONTROL; HE SURRENDERED HIMSELF. AT ANY MOMENT HE COULD HAVE CALLED DOWN ANGELS. INSTEAD, HE REMAINED.**

**BECAUSE THE KING WAS NOT MERELY DISPLAYING LOVE — HE WAS ACCOMPLISHING ATONEMENT. ON THE CROSS, HE BORE THE PENALTY FOR SIN. HE ABSORBED THE JUDGMENT WE DESERVED. WHEN DARKNESS FELL AND HE CRIED, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" SUBSTITUTION WAS COMPLETE.**

**THEN THE TEMPLE CURTAIN TORE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.**



**THE BARRIER BETWEEN GOD AND HUMANITY WAS REMOVED —  
NOT BY EFFORT, BUT BY SACRIFICE.**

**THE CRUCIFIED KING REDEFINED POWER. HIS THRONE WAS A CROSS. HIS  
CROWN WAS THORNS. HIS VICTORY APPEARED AS DEFEAT. YET THROUGH  
SUFFERING, HE CONQUERED SIN AND MADE A WAY FOR ALL TO BE SAVED.**

## QUESTIONS

- 1. HOW DOES UNDERSTANDING SUBSTITUTION — THAT CHRIST TOOK  
YOUR PLACE — RESHAPE YOUR VIEW OF GRACE?**
- 2. IN WHAT PRACTICAL WAY SHOULD THE REALITY OF THE CROSS  
INFLUENCE YOUR OBEDIENCE TODAY?**

## KIDS QUESTIONS

- 1. WHY DID JESUS CHOOSE TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US?**
- 2. HOW DOES KNOWING JESUS LOVES YOU THAT MUCH MAKE YOU FEEL?**

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**ISAIAH 53:5–6  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**



**SCRIPTURE****MATTHEW 27:57–66**

**AFTER JESUS BREATHED HIS LAST, JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA REQUESTED HIS BODY AND PLACED IT IN A NEW TOMB. A GREAT STONE WAS ROLLED ACROSS THE ENTRANCE. THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PHARISEES SECURED THE TOMB WITH A SEAL AND STATIONED GUARDS TO PREVENT ANY INTERFERENCE.**

**FROM EVERY VISIBLE ANGLE, THE STORY APPEARED FINISHED.**

**THE DISCIPLES WERE SCATTERED. THEIR HOPES, ONCE LOUD WITH “HOSANNA,” NOW SAT IN CONFUSION AND GRIEF. THE ONE THEY BELIEVED TO BE KING LAY LIFELESS BEHIND STONE AND SEAL. HEAVEN WAS QUIET. NO MIRACLES. NO TEACHING. NO INTERVENTION. SATURDAY IS THE DAY SCRIPTURE SAYS THE LEAST ABOUT — AND PERHAPS THE DAY WE UNDERSTAND THE MOST.**

**BECAUSE EVERY BELIEVER HAS LIVED A SATURDAY.**

**IT IS THE SPACE BETWEEN PROMISE AND FULFILLMENT. THE GAP BETWEEN PRAYER AND ANSWER. THE TENSION BETWEEN WHAT GOD HAS SAID AND WHAT WE CURRENTLY SEE. SILENCE CAN FEEL LIKE ABANDONMENT. DELAY CAN FEEL LIKE DEFEAT. BUT THE SEALED TOMB WAS NOT A SIGN OF FAILURE. IT WAS A SETUP FOR VICTORY.**



**THE KING WAS NOT OVERTHROWN. HE WAS NOT SURPRISED. HE WAS NOT ABSENT FROM HIS PLAN. EVEN WHEN UNSEEN, GOD WAS MOVING HISTORY TOWARD RESURRECTION.**

**DISCIPLESHIP IN SEASONS OF SILENCE IS NOT LOUD CONFIDENCE — IT IS STEADY TRUST. FAITH IS NOT PROVEN WHEN OUTCOMES ARE OBVIOUS; IT IS PROVEN WHEN OBEDIENCE CONTINUES WITHOUT VISIBLE EVIDENCE. THE SILENT KING TEACHES US THAT GOD'S APPARENT INACTIVITY IS NEVER HIS ABSENCE. WHAT FEELS FINAL MAY ONLY BE PREPARATION. SATURDAY REMINDS US: SILENCE IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY.**

## QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT "SATURDAY SEASON" ARE YOU CURRENTLY WALKING THROUGH?**
- 2. HOW CAN YOU PRACTICE FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE EVEN WHEN YOU DO NOT SEE IMMEDIATE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S WORK?**

## KIDS QUESTIONS

- 1. HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO WAIT FOR SOMETHING IMPORTANT?  
WHAT WAS IT?**
- 2. HOW CAN YOU TRUST GOD EVEN WHEN IT FEELS LIKE NOTHING IS HAPPENING?**

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**HEBREWS 5:8  
PROVERBS 3:5-6**



## SCRIPTURE

## MATTHEW 28:1–10

AT DAWN, ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN. AN ANGEL DESCENDED. THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY — NOT TO LET JESUS OUT, BUT TO LET THE WITNESSES IN. THE GUARDS TREMBLED. THE WOMEN APPROACHED WITH GRIEF, EXPECTING DEATH. INSTEAD, THEY WERE MET WITH A DECLARATION: “HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN, AS HE SAID.” THE RESURRECTION WAS NOT SYMBOLIC ENCOURAGEMENT. IT WAS HISTORICAL VICTORY. THE KING WHO WAS MOCKED, CRUCIFIED, AND SEALED BEHIND STONE NOW STOOD ALIVE. DEATH DID NOT DETHRONE HIM. THE GRAVE COULD NOT CONTAIN HIM. THE CROSS WAS NOT DEFEAT — IT WAS THE PATHWAY TO TRIUMPH. THE WOMEN FELL AT HIS FEET AND WORSHIPED HIM. THAT RESPONSE IS TELLING. RESURRECTION CLARIFIES IDENTITY. JESUS IS NOT MERELY TEACHER, PROPHET, OR MARTYR. HE IS KING. AND NOT A DISTANT KING — BUT A REIGNING ONE. LATER IN THIS SAME CHAPTER, JESUS WOULD DECLARE, “ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.” THE ONE WHO ENTERED JERUSALEM HUMBL Y NOW SPEAKS WITH UNIVERSAL DOMINION. AUTHORITY IS NO LONGER QUESTIONED. IT IS DECLARED. FOR THE DISCIPLE, THE RESURRECTION CHANGES EVERYTHING. ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST IS NOT LOYALTY TO A FALLEN LEADER. IT IS SUBMISSION TO A LIVING KING. OBEDIENCE IS NOT SUSTAINED BY MEMORY, BUT BY RELATIONSHIP. COURAGE IS NOT SELF-GENERATED, BUT ANCHORED IN HIS REIGN. THE RISEN KING CALLS US FORWARD — NOT IN FEAR, BUT IN CONFIDENCE.



**IF HE HAS CONQUERED DEATH, THEN NO CIRCUMSTANCE WE FACE STANDS OUTSIDE HIS RULE. NO SEASON OF SUFFERING, NO OPPOSITION, NO UNCERTAINTY OUTFRONS HIS AUTHORITY. THE WEEK BEGAN WITH PALM BRANCHES AND EXPECTATION. IT ENDS WITH AN EMPTY TOMB AND EXALTED AUTHORITY.**

**THE KING HAS ARRIVED.**

**THE KING WAS TESTED.**

**THE KING WAS WORSHIPED.**

**THE KING SUBMITTED.**

**THE KING WAS CRUCIFIED.**

**THE KING WAS SILENT.**

**AND NOW — THE KING REIGNS.**

## QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT AREA OF FEAR OR HESITATION IN YOUR LIFE WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT IF YOU TRULY BELIEVED JESUS REIGNS WITH ALL AUTHORITY?**
- 2. HOW DOES ALLEGIANCE TO A RISEN KING RESHAPE YOUR DAILY PRIORITIES AND DECISIONS?**

## KIDS QUESTIONS

- 1. HOW DO YOU THINK THE WOMEN FELT WHEN THEY FOUND THE EMPTY TOMB?**
- 2. WHY IS IT GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS IS ALIVE?**

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**MATTHEW 28:18**  
**ROMANS 6:9**





