

JESUS KING

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Opposition to the King

Jesus faced opposition from three sources

1. Direct attacks from Satan

Matthew 4:11 *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.*

2 Corinthians 11:14 *And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.*

2. Disdain from the world around Him.

Matthew 12:24 *But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons.*

Matthew 12:14 *But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.*

3. Distractions from those closest to Him.

Peter the detractor

Matthew 16:23 *Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."*

James and John the disrupters

Matthew 20:24 *When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers*

Judas the defector

How does God want us to respond to suffering?

Matthew 5:10 *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* 11 *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.* 12 *Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you*

1. Suffering is expected as normal.

1 Peter 4:12 *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.* 13 *But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.* 14 *If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.* 15 *If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler*

2. Suffering is directed at our faith.

3. Suffering is to be accepted with joy.

4. Suffering is connected to rewards.