

THE RISE AND FALL OF A NATION



Lessons from Israel's first kings

THE UNEXPECTED KING

From David to Jesus



2 Samuel 7:12 “When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever. 17 Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.”



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The blind recognize Jesus as King



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Matthew 20:28 “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



Matthew 20: 29 “As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. 30 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’ 31 The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’ 32 Jesus stopped and called them. ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ he asked. 33 ‘Lord,’ they answered, ‘we want our sight.’ 34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.”





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The crowd celebrate King Jesus



Matthew 21: 1 “As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.’ 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:”

5 “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” Zech 9:9



6 “The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, ‘Who is this?’ 11 The crowds answered, ‘This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.’”



Don't get lost in
the crowd!

They say the right
things but don't really
know who Jesus is.

They are looking for
a political leader.



12 “Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 ‘It is written,’ he said to them, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a *den of robbers*. 14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.”



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The leaders who rejected King Jesus



15 “But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they were indignant. 16 ‘Do you hear what these children are saying?’ they asked him. ‘Yes,’ replied Jesus, ‘have you never read,

From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise ?’

17 And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.”





JESUS THE MESSIAH IS NOT JUST:

A healer → though He heals

A prophet → though He speaks truth

A king → though He reigns

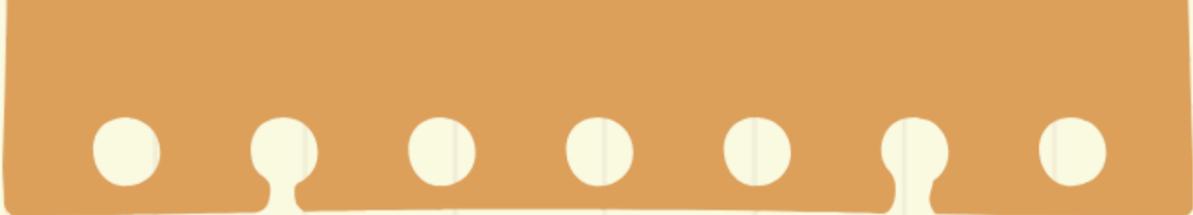
He is God in the flesh

who saves sinners and makes them new!

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

- Is He your King who saves and who you follow?
- Is He just a good prophet/teacher that you occasionally join the crowds for celebration?
- Is He someone that you reject as God in the flesh?





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