

The Real Jesus

Jesus the King

I. Introduction

- A. "Mystery" - - "Something that we could never figure out on our own. It's only something that was revealed to us by God."
- B. Matthew 21:1-3 (NLT) ¹As 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. ³If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."

II. Jesus the King

- A. The mystery of our King's self-limitation
 - 1. The Creator and Owner of everything, possesses nothing, and borrows everything!
 - 2. The normal way that God works in the world is by partnering with human beings!
- B. The mystery of our King's hiddenness
 - 1. Matthew 21:4-8 (NLT) ⁴This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, ⁵"Tell the people of Israel, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.'" ⁶The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. ⁸Most 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.
 - 2. Jesus is King!
 - 3. Matthew 21:5 (NLT) "Tell the people of Israel, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.'"
 - 4. Matthew 12:40 (NAS) "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
 - 5. It's this hiddenness that always presents a challenge for our faith.
- C. The mystery of our King's answer to our prayers
 - 1. Matthew 21:9 (NLT) 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!"

2. "Hosanna" - - "Save us now!"
3. Ephesians 3:20 (NAS) *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.*

D. The mystery of our King's suffering

1. Our King is Sovereign over suffering! And yet, our King made Himself vulnerable, and subject to suffering.
2. Every kind of evil came upon Jesus as He died on that cross.

III. Conclusion