

Why the Foolproof Wisdom of God is a Crucified King April 2, 2023

Main Passage: Matthew 21:1-17

Three Important Ways Jesus is King

1. Jesus is the King of _____

Matthew 1:1, NIV – This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.

In Matthew's genealogy, we see Jesus' _____

Jesus reveals he's king by _____

Zechariah 9:9-10, NLT – Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt. I will remove the battle chariots from Israel and the warhorses from Jerusalem. ¹⁰ I will destroy all the weapons used in battle, and your king will bring peace to the nations. His realm will stretch from sea to sea and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.

"Hosanna" means " _____!"

Matthew 21:14, NIV – The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

Jesus reveals he's king by _____

Isaiah 35:4-6a, NIV – Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come...he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

2. Jesus is the King of _____

Colossians 1:15-17, NIV – The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Matthew 21:13-14, NIV – "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.'" The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

Isaiah 56:6-8, NCV – "Foreigners will join the Lord to worship him and love him, to serve him... I will bring these people to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer...my Temple will be called a house for prayer for people from all nations." The Lord God says—he who gathers the Israelites that were forced to leave their country: "I will bring together other people to join those who are already gathered."

Jesus reveals he's king by _____

3. Jesus is the _____

Isaiah 52:13, NIV – See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

John 12:32, NIV – [Jesus said,] “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Three Invitations from King Jesus

1. Come and _____

Revelation 19:11-16, NIV – I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns (no longer thorns). He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” ...On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

2 Corinthians 6:2b, NIV – I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

2. Come and _____

Isaiah 53:10a-11b, NLT – But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief... And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.

1 Peter 2:24, NLT – He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.” Jesus paid the ultimate price for our sin, and our response to him is giving up (or dying to) old, sinful ways to follow him instead.

Luke 9:23, NLT – [Jesus said,] “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

3. Come and _____

John 3:16, ESV – [Jesus said,] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

1 Corinthians 1:24, NLT – But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.