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# Shepherd's Path

## A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Jesus Is the King Series, Lesson 43

Lesson Title: Series Review

Take Home Point: Crown Jesus King of your life.

### Warm-Up:

The citizens of the United Kingdom have an interesting relationship with their royalty. The monarchy as an institution has survived for hundreds of years and is viewed with honor and deference. Most English people have a great respect for the position of king (or queen) and the person who holds it, although the king actually has little to do with the governance of the kingdom. The English may poke fun at their royalty, but woe to the outsider who does so, or to the royal family member who brings dishonor to the crown. In reality, though, the existence of a king has no impact on how the subjects live day to day.

**Read:** Matthew 27:11

### Observation (What happened?):

In Matthew 2, what title do the Magi give Jesus when they speak with Herod? What title do the priests and teachers give the Christ from the prophecy?

From Matthew 21, how does Jesus enter Jerusalem? Who does he show he is?

### Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Throughout the book of Matthew, think of some ways Jesus shows that he is King over nature, over people, over time, and over sin and death.

What are different ways people responded to Jesus as he presented himself as King?

### Insight:

What difference does it make that Jesus is the King? Why is that an important truth for us to understand? First, the Lord promised David he would always have a descendant sit on David's throne. Jesus is the descendant of whom God spoke, as the angel told Mary in Luke 1:30-33. So Jesus as king fulfills the word of the Lord and assures Israel that God leads them. Second, God the Father has granted Jesus all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). He is the ruler before whom all will bow either voluntarily or involuntarily (Philippians 2:9-11). Even to earthly kings we kneel in deference, imagine how much more so to the King of kings! And by the sacrifice of his life Jesus offers us the opportunity to trust him as absolute ruler of our lives – the perfect ruler who always knows what we need and has the power to do what is best for us, through us, and in us.

### Application (What does it mean to me?):

How do you live differently because Jesus is King of your life?

Take a few minutes to thank Jesus that he came to set you free and be your loving King.