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Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Jesus Is the King Series, Lesson 44

Lesson Title: Worship the King of Peace

Take Home Point: In worship, God comes to us and we go to him with our praise.

Warm-Up:

Think about the difference between being the President of the U.S. and being the President's brother or sister. Does a sibling have immediate direct use of Air Force One? Or the right to use the Presidential Seal? Or the authority to direct Cabinet members or other senior leaders? Or sign legislation into law? Certainly not!! These are evidences of the person and office of the President alone, and as such command the recognition and respect due the nation's leader. When these signs are observed, you can be sure that the true President is involved, the one who deserves due recognition and respect.

Read: Matthew 21:1-11

Observation (What happened?):

What did the disciples do for Jesus in addition to getting the donkey and colt as he directed?

What were several things the crowd did on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why do you think the disciples and the crowds treated Jesus as a king?

In Matthew 21:1-11, what does Scripture say regarding how Jesus responded to the worship and praise of the crowds? What conclusion do you reach from this?

Insight:

Isn't it interesting that the crowds cheered Jesus into Jerusalem with cries of "Son of David," a term associated with someone in the kingly line of David. They recognized Jesus as a king. In Matthew 12:23, after Jesus performed another miracle, the people had asked if he could be the "Son of David." More than just a descendant of the greatest king of Israel, the people thought this man could be the promised King who would free them and restore Israel as a sovereign nation. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds, full of hope, acknowledged him as a king in David's line. (How quickly that would change!) Today, we recognize Jesus to be both God and King, so what is an appropriate response? We worship him, offering praise and love and gratefulness for being the real King of Kings who has come to us.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

How often do you take time to be alone with God to worship him, recognize who he is, thank him for what he's done, and tell him that you love him?

Name three ways you will show Jesus this week that he is your King.