

Connect Together

What are some of the differences between the political leader of a country and a king? What impact does the difference have on the relationship between the people of that country comparing a king or political leader?

Lesson Verses - Matthew 21:1-11 (CSB)

1 When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount
of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, 2 telling them, “Go into the village
ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. 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 at once.” 4 This took place so that
what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:
5 Tell Daughter Zion, “See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and
mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” 6 The disciples
went and did just as Jesus directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and
the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very
large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches
from the trees and spreading them on the road. 9 Then the crowds who
went ahead of him and those who 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 he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an
uproar, saying, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the
prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Study & Apply

1. a. What are many people expecting from the Jewish Messianic King? How does Jesus first appear to differ? (Genesis 49:10; Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 2:7-9)

   b. How does this situation teach us the importance of God's Word and Biblical prophecy, despite how we might imagine it? How can we be careful? (v.4; Isaiah 25:9; Luke 2:25-32; Hebrews 11:1)

APPLY: Many there probably could not imagine that Jesus was really their King. Perhaps, many non-believers also feel this way. How can we clearly reveal the King to them despite their preconceptions about Jesus? How might a clear explanation of *who He is* help? What Biblical truth can we communicate to give a person clarity?

2. a. Why is it significant that the people know Jesus is their Messianic King? (hint: Think gospel. Matthew 1:21; Acts 2:36; Romans 10:14;)

   b. How does Christ show both humility and authority? Why is this important? (Matthew 8:17; 12:18–21; Hebrews 2:9, 14-15; Romans 5:7-8)

APPLY: As Christ followers we are children of God, yet, our humility should be evident to others. Are there any specific situations you can imagine would be most appropriate to show humility in light of your experience, accomplishments, seniority, or power?

Discuss & Share

How would you expect a king to be presented to their people today? For example, what vehicle would you expect a king today to arrive in? Why do they do it this way, and why didn't Jesus need to? What would you like to arrive in for a big public event like a movie premiere… what would you envision yourself arriving in—a limo or a bicycle with a baby seat?

Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.