



 NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
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TO BE OUR KING
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A crowd CELEBRATES Jesus, but a disciple SURRENDERS to Him.

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2. Jesus is the King I NEED , not just the king I WANT .

"Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.'" Matthew 21:5 (NLT)

3. Jesus is my KING even when the CROWD turns.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Talk about a time centered around something you bought, a vacation you went on, or a gift given to you that didn't live up to the hype or expectation you imagined. An expectation that did NOT live up to its promise.

ENGAGE

What stood out to you the most regarding Jesus' desire to be more than your Savior, more than your Lord... but to also be your King?

GROW

- Palm Sunday crowds shouted "Hosanna," yet many later rejected Jesus. Why do you think people can celebrate Jesus publicly but struggle to fully surrender to Him personally?
- Read Matthew 21:8-11. What stands out to you about how the crowd responded to Jesus, and what does it reveal about their expectations of Him?
- The sermon highlighted how culture often wants Jesus as a teacher but not as King. Where do you see this tension in today's world?
- The sermon mentioned that following Jesus sometimes means standing apart from the crowd. Where do you feel the most pressure today to compromise your faith or convictions?
- After denying Jesus, Peter was restored by Jesus in John 21:15-17. What does this story teach us about grace, restoration, and second chances?
- The message challenged us to ask: "Is Jesus truly the King of my life?" What areas of life are often the hardest to surrender to Christ's authority?
- Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus deserves the throne of our lives. What is one practical step you can take this week to live more fully under Jesus' leadership as King?

CHALLENGE:

This week, intentionally identify one area of your life where you've been cheering for Jesus but not fully surrendering to Him and invite Him to truly reign there. Then take one concrete step of obedience that shows you're choosing Jesus as King, not just celebrating Him as Savior.