

“Jesus – The Savior King”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

For well over a year now New Day Church has been studying the Book of Acts. The title of our sermon series, “Upside Down,” is based on Acts 17:6 where the people of Thessalonica complained, “*These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.*” Their motivation for “turning the world upside down” was because they served a different King and His name was Jesus.

As Christians, we serve King Jesus. But many people see Him as just the means to the end. They see Him as just their “ticket to heaven” rather than the One who not only holds all things in His hands but orders their lives. Many people don’t know this King. Therefore, throughout the Easter season, we will examine the question, “Who is this King?” by studying the last week of the life and ministry of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke.

Last Sunday we looked at Jesus – the Savior King. Jesus approached Jerusalem on the Sunday prior to His crucifixion. He rode into the city on a donkey, not only fulfilling prophecy but also exciting the crowds. This Triumphal Entry, as it has been called throughout the centuries, incited hostility among the religious leaders and great anticipation of the coming Kingdom from Jesus’ followers. However, throughout the week, many of the very ones that welcomed Him into the city with palm branches and a king’s welcome would stand around a Roman cross watching Him die. Did Jesus fail to setup His Kingdom? Jesus didn’t fail. His plan was fulfilled. He came not only to setup His Kingdom but to seek and save the lost. With His Kingdom established He would go away for a while leaving His followers as stewards who anxiously await His return. This Savior King is the only one who will bring peace to our lives. Therefore, He is worthy of worship. He is worthy to serve.

We are not only children of the King but we are His servants too. While we may be American Christians, more importantly, we belong to Christ’s Kingdom. Therefore we have a new identity in Jesus. We should live our lives in light of this new Gospel Identity. This week our Missional Communities will watch the next training video from Jeff Vanderstelt titled, “Gospel Identity.” As you prepare to meet with your group ask yourself if you are a follower of a new King named Jesus. Ask God to prepare your heart to meet with your group and discuss the principles discussed in the video. Through it all you can live for Jesus – The Savior King!

Message Outline

Jesus, the Savior King, came to His people:

- In Faithfulness to establish His Kingdom.
- In Righteousness to bring Salvation.
- In Humility to bring Peace.

Yet, His people...

- Rejected His Authority.
- Deceived themselves.
- Rebelled against His Word.
 - They Mocked Him.
 - They Beat Him.
 - They Killed Him.

Did Jesus’ plan Fail?

- No. It was Fulfilled.
- God has always been concerned about His Kingdom.
- God has always had a heart for the Nations.

Therefore, Jesus the Savior King purchased our place in His Kingdom:

- He was Faithful because we are Unfaithful.
- He was Righteous because we are Unrighteous.
- He was Humble because we are Prideful.

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Group Discussion (video application)

Watch the video titled “Gospel Identity.” Use the Listening Guide below as you watch the video and then spend some time making application by answering the following questions as a group.

4 Key Questions:

Who God _____?

What God has _____?

Who we _____?

What we _____?

The idea of discipleship – leading people to increasingly _____ all of life to the _____, _____, and _____ of Jesus.

Matthew 28:16-20

1. Jesus started with a _____ about Himself.

2. Establish people in their new _____. (Baptism is a naming ceremony)

God says I’m going to do something _____ you so I can do something _____ you.

- _____ → _____ died → _____ of God → _____ others
- _____ (King) → _____ & _____ life → _____ → Serve _____ of these.
- _____ → Jesus _____ by Spirit → _____ → _____ Jesus.

3. Don’t start with what they got to _____...make it an _____ life.

Questions for reflection:

1. Of these 3 identities, which one comes most natural for you in terms of what you believe and which ones are hard for you to believe about who God is and what He’s made you to be now in Christ?
2. Ask yourselves as a MC, who is God sending us to, to love like family and how might we start to love them like family?
3. And, how could we begin to serve them tangibly and bring tangible expression to how Jesus has served us?
4. Take some time to begin to pray together that God would give you the opportunity for a gospel door to be opened for you to be able to proclaim Jesus and ask Him to fill you with His Spirit to enable you to speak the gospel boldly with His words and His power.

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**
Pray that God would give us new believers.
- **Local:**
Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities.
- **Global:**
Pray that God would give us hearts for the nations.