





Thursday

Matthew 21:1-22 “See, Your King Comes to You”

 Observation: “Ah-ha!” What struck you?


 Question: What do you not understand?


 Application & Prayer: How will I respond?


 Conversation: Who can I share this with?


Saturday

Matthew 22:1-14 The Wedding Banquet of the King

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Friday

Matthew 21:23-46 Responding to the King’s Authority

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Sunday

Questioning Quotations


Have you ever read a book or watched a film or TV show and marvelled at the mastery of the author in weaving together the threads of storylines and details? Even more so than the most skilled of mortal authors, God is the Master Weaver of history and the written record of His Redemption Story in the Bible. One way the biblical authors help us trace the connections and patterns within God’s Story is by including quotations from elsewhere in the Scriptures. Rather than skim past, it can be rewarding to dig into the quotation, question why it is there and what added value it brings to the passage. Read Psalm 118, which is quoted multiple times in our readings this week (Note: *Hosanna* is a Greek transliteration of a Hebrew word that means “Save us, we pray!” in English).


What does this psalm communicate about the identity of Jesus, the Christ?


Reread one of the passages that quoted Psalm 118. How does reading this psalm add to your experience or understanding of the passage?


Monday

Matthew 22:15-46 Trouncing Enemy Traps

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Tuesday

Matthew 23:1-39 The Warnings of the King

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Lenten Readings


The Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom


Last week, we saw Jesus challenge many misguided preconceptions regarding the character of His kingship, the identity of His citizens and the values that shape their community, the ways they live and serve within His kingdom. We read in Matthew 16 that He "must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the" religious leaders (v.21). This week, we will journey with Jesus and His disciples to Jerusalem and witness His final words of warning and rebuke to the religious leaders who oppose Him. How will they respond to Jesus? Will they recognize and submit to the King, or will they reject Him and embrace rebellion?


Wednesday

Matthew 20:1-34 Comparison Kills Kingdom Community

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