

AFTER GODS HEART

For the week of March 29th, 2026

A King's Welcome..

Life

When you were younger, what did you think a “powerful leader” looked like?

Jesus didn't go to the palace...He went to the temple.

- Have you ever expected God to show up one way, but He showed up in a completely different way?

The crowds welcomed Jesus as a king, but turned on Him days later.

- Why do you think people can shift so quickly in what they believe or support?
- Do you tend to be more stubborn or fickle in your views/opinions?

Theology

What do we know about the expectations surrounding ‘The Messiah’ as Jesus enters the city?

Read Isaiah 53.

- What does this text reveal about the real nature of the coming Messiah?
- What does this text reveal about the real nature of those who need a Messiah?

Philippians 2:5–11.

- How does Jesus redefine power and authority?
- What does this teach us about God's kingdom?

In Practice

The crowd wanted Jesus to fix their external problems.

- Where are we most tempted to want Jesus to fix our circumstances instead of transform our hearts?

“Will we receive the King He actually is?”

- What does it look like practically to submit to Jesus' authority in everyday life?

“Jesus is the perfect incarnation of God's delivering nature.”

- How does that reshape what you expect from God in your current season?

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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The Role of a King is to _____ God's People.

Important historical events that occur between the time of David and the time of Jesus:

- The Kingdom _____.
- The _____ Conflict.
- The _____ Exile.
- _____ from exile.

The Palm Sunday question:

- Is this the _____ we have been waiting for?

Palm Sunday is about _____.

The Desire of Ancient Israel during the Palm Sunday event:

- Restoration of _____ pride.

The reception as Jesus enters the city:

- **A Hero's Welcome:** Lining the streets with _____ and palm _____.
- **Hosanna:** _____.

So how did we get from a hero's welcome to a cross in less than a week's time?

- Jesus did not go to the _____, He goes to the _____.
- Jesus did not come to restore national _____, **He came to restore all of God's _____.**

"One Thing:" _____