

Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT) ... “Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. [6] Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. [7] He made himself **nothing**; he took the humble position of a **slave** and appeared in **human form**. [8] And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a **criminal's death** on a cross. [9] Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a **name** that is above every other name, [10] so that at the name of **Jesus** every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue will confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.”

Psalm 2:8-12 (NLT) ... “Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the ends of the earth as your possession. [9] You will break them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots. [10] Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! [11] Serve the Lord with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. [12] **Submit to God's royal son**, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of your pursuits—for his anger can flare up in an instant. **But what joy for all who find protection in him!**”

Acts 1:11 (NLT) ... “They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing here staring at the sky? Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. And someday, **just as you saw him go, he will return!**’”

Q ... What is it that defines Jesus or separates Him from all the other want-a-be kings this world has seen?

1. It is His **empty** _____ !
2. It is His **empty** _____ !

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**Answers:** ... precise ... time ... impassioned ... predicted ... perplexed ...  
 Jesus ... cross ... tomb.

# Life Change Application

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## The King's Arrival

John 12:12-16

**Deuteronomy 17:14-17 (NLT)** .. “You will soon arrive in the land the Lord your God is giving you, and you will conquer it and settle there. Then you may begin to think, ‘We ought to have a **king** like the other nations around us.’ [15] If this happens, be sure that you select as king the **man** the Lord your God chooses. You must appoint a fellow Israelite, not a foreigner. [16] The king must not build up a large stable of horses for himself, and he must never send his people to Egypt to buy horses there, for the Lord has told you, ‘You must never return to Egypt.’ [17] The king must not take many wives for himself, because they will lead him away from the Lord. And he must not accumulate vast amounts of wealth in silver and gold for himself.”

**1 Samuel 8:1-9 (NLT)** ... “As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. [2] Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. [3] But they were not like their father, for they were **greedy for money**. They accepted bribes and perverted justice.

[4] Finally, the leaders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. [5] ‘Look,’ they told him, ‘you are now old, and your sons are not like you. **Give us a king** like all the other nations have.’ [6] Samuel was very upset with their request and went to the Lord for advice. [7] ‘**Do as they say,**’ the Lord replied, ‘**for it is me they are rejecting, not you. They don't want me to be their king any longer.**

[8] **Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually forsaken me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. [9] Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about how a king will treat them.**”

**Spiritual Principle:** ... Be very careful what you want and pray for! God just might give it to you.

**John** helps us to see .. that **Jesus arrived** in Jerusalem ...

I. (12a) At the \_\_\_\_\_ moment that God had planned.

**Matthew 12:14-15 (NLT); Matthew 26:14-16 (NLT)**

**Jesus** would die at the precise \_\_\_\_ foreordained in **God's** eternal plan!

**John 19:10-11 (NLT)** ... “Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or to crucify you?” [11] Then Jesus said, “**You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above.**”

**1 Corinthians 5:7b (NLT)** ... “Christ, our **Passover Lamb**, has been sacrificed for us.”

**Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)** ... “But when **the right time came**, **God sent** his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. [5] **God sent** him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.”

II. (12b-13) To an \_\_\_\_\_ crowd that was ready to worship Him.

**Luke 19:41-44 (NLT)** ... “But as they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, **he began to cry**. [42] “**I wish that even today you would find the way of peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from you.** [43] **Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you.** [44] **They will crush you to the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you have rejected the opportunity God offered you.”**

III. (14-15) Just as God had \_\_\_\_\_ through Zechariah the prophet.

**Matthew 21:1-3 (NIV)**

**Zechariah. 9:9 (NLT)** ... “Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, **your king is coming to you**. He is righteous and victorious, yet **he is humble**, riding on a donkey—even on a donkey's colt.”

**Revelation 19:11-16 (NLT)** ... “Then I saw heaven opened, and a **white horse** was standing there. And the one sitting on the horse was named

**Faithful and True**. For he judges fairly and then goes to war. [12] His eyes were bright like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him, and only he knew what it meant. [13] He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. [14] The **armies of heaven**, dressed in pure white linen, followed him on white horses. [15] From his mouth came a sharp sword, and with it he struck down **the nations**. He ruled them with an iron rod, and he trod the winepress of the fierce wrath of almighty God. [16] On his robe and thigh was written this title: **King of kings and Lord of lords**.”

IV. (16) With a \_\_\_\_\_ group of Disciples.

**John 14:26 (NLT); John 16:13 (NLT)**

**There has never been nor will there ever be a King like \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)** ... “Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he **die**, and **only by dying could he break the power of the Devil**, who had the **power of death**. [15] Only in this way could he **deliver** those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.”