




THE SERVANT KING

Following Jesus on the Road to
Jerusalem



The Expectation of a Conquering King

- Mark 11
 - Crowds cry, “Hosanna! Blessed is the coming kingdom!”
 - Expectation:
 - Political liberation
 - Power and victory
 - Influenced by:
 - Messianic prophecies (Isaiah, Daniel)
 - National hopes (Maccabean victory, palm branches)
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The Servant Messiah

But... Jesus comes differently.

→ Humble, riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9)

- Isaiah 53
- Not power, but sacrifice
- Not dominance, but humility
- Not political rescue, but spiritual salvation

Jesus came to serve, not to be served.

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Who is the Greatest?	Matt 18, Mark 9, Luke 9	Greatness is humility and servanthood
Receiving the Kingdom Like a Child	Matt 18, Mark 10, Luke 18	The kingdom of God came to the dependent, not to the powerful.
Rich Young Ruler	Matt 19, Mark 10, Luke 18	What looks like success can block entrance to the kingdom of God.
The First Will be Last	Matt 19, Matt, 20, Mark 10	The kingdom reverses human rankings.
Third Crucifixion Prediction	Matt 20, Mark 10, Luke 18	The King wins by suffering, not conquering.
Healing the Blind	Matt 20, Mark 10, Luke 18	The blind are welcomed and see, while others try to keep them away.
Zacchaeus the short Tax Collector	Luke 19	Salvation comes to the least likely.



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Who is the Greatest?

- **Mark 9**
- → **Greatness = humility & service**

Who Gets the Credit?

- **Mark 9**
 - → **Service > recognition**
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Who Gets to Come? (Children)

- **Mark 10**
- → **Dependence > status**

Who is Truly “Worthy”? (Rich Man)

- **Mark 10**
 - → **Surrender > self-sufficiency**
 - → **“The first will be last...”**
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Who is the Greatest? (Again)

- **Mark 10**
- → **“Slave of all”**
- → **Jesus: “Came to serve...”**

Who Gets to Come? (Blind Man)

- **Mark 10**
- → **The overlooked are welcomed.**

Who is Saved? (Zacchaeus)

- **Luke 19**
 - → **Salvation for the unlikely**
 - → **The lost are found**
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4. The Pattern of the Kingdom

- **The last → first**
- **The least → greatest**
- **The humble → exalted**
- **The servant → honored**
- **The outcast → saved**

The King wins by serving and suffering.





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5. The Tension of Palm Sunday

- **The crowd wanted a conquering king.**
- **Jesus came as a servant Savior.**

Same Jesus... different expectations





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6. Personal Reflection

- Where am I expecting Jesus to serve my agenda?**
- Do I follow Jesus for what He gives—or who He is?**
- Am I pursuing recognition—or faithfulness?**
- Am I willing to serve in ways no one sees?**

Key Truth

**“If Jesus is the Servant King,
then His followers must be servant people.”**

