



**PALM
SUNDAY**

***Turn to 1 Samuel 8 & John 12.**

The Triumphal Entry:

Matthew 21:1-11

Mark 11:1-10

Luke 19:29-44

***John 12:12-23**

Hundred of years before the triumphant entry, Israel rejected God as King. They wanted a king like the other nations. They wanted the peace and prosperity that comes with the warring success and intimidating presence of a strong-man king.

They thought JESUS would be the King to overthrow Rome!

1 Samuel 8:4-9 ESV

4 "Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah 5 and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said,

“Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being King over them. 8 According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought

them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking Me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. 9 Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

Israel had 42 kings and 1 queen (Athaliah) over 434 years. Only 8 kings were good. (19%)

Saul, David, and Solomon (United Kingdom). The Kingdom split after Solomon's rule over taxation into the Northern Kingdom of Israel (10 tribes) & the Southern Kingdom of Judah (Judah & Benjamin).

Every King that came along left Israel longing. Every President that comes along will leave us longing.

***Anytime we replace JESUS with a substitute king it leaves us longing too!**

**1. Every king that has come
along has always left us
longing.**

EXCEPT ONE!!!

John 12:12-23 ESV

12 “The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

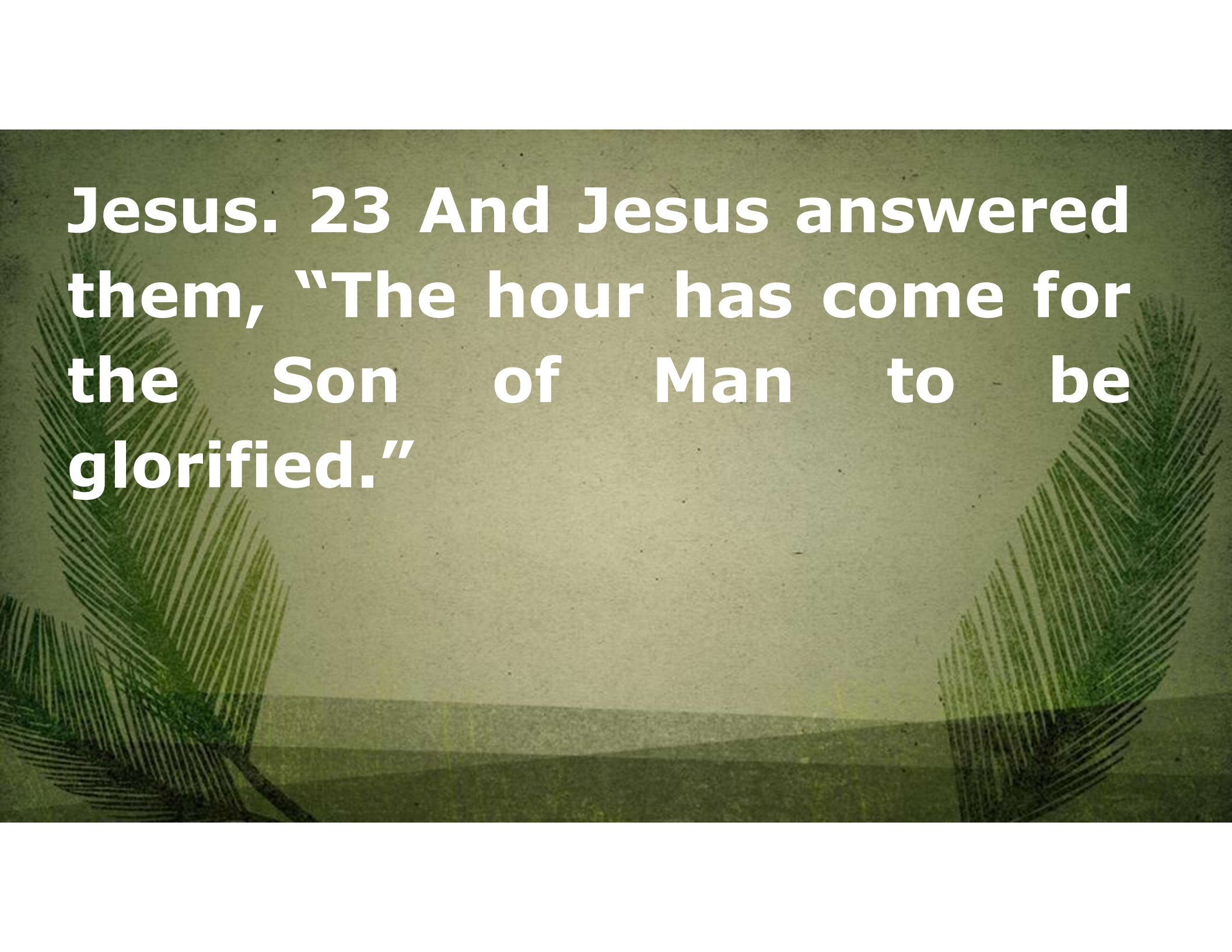
13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had

been done to Him. 17 The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are

gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.” 20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told

Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."



Matthew 21:9 ESV

“And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Zechariah 9:9 ESV

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 - Laws

Concerning Israel's Kings.

- **The Lord would choose the king.**
- **One of your brothers, not a foreigner.**
- **Not many horses.**
- **Not many wives.**
- **No excess silver & gold.**
- **Read the law daily to keep him humble.**

Deuteronomy 17:16 ESV

“Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’”

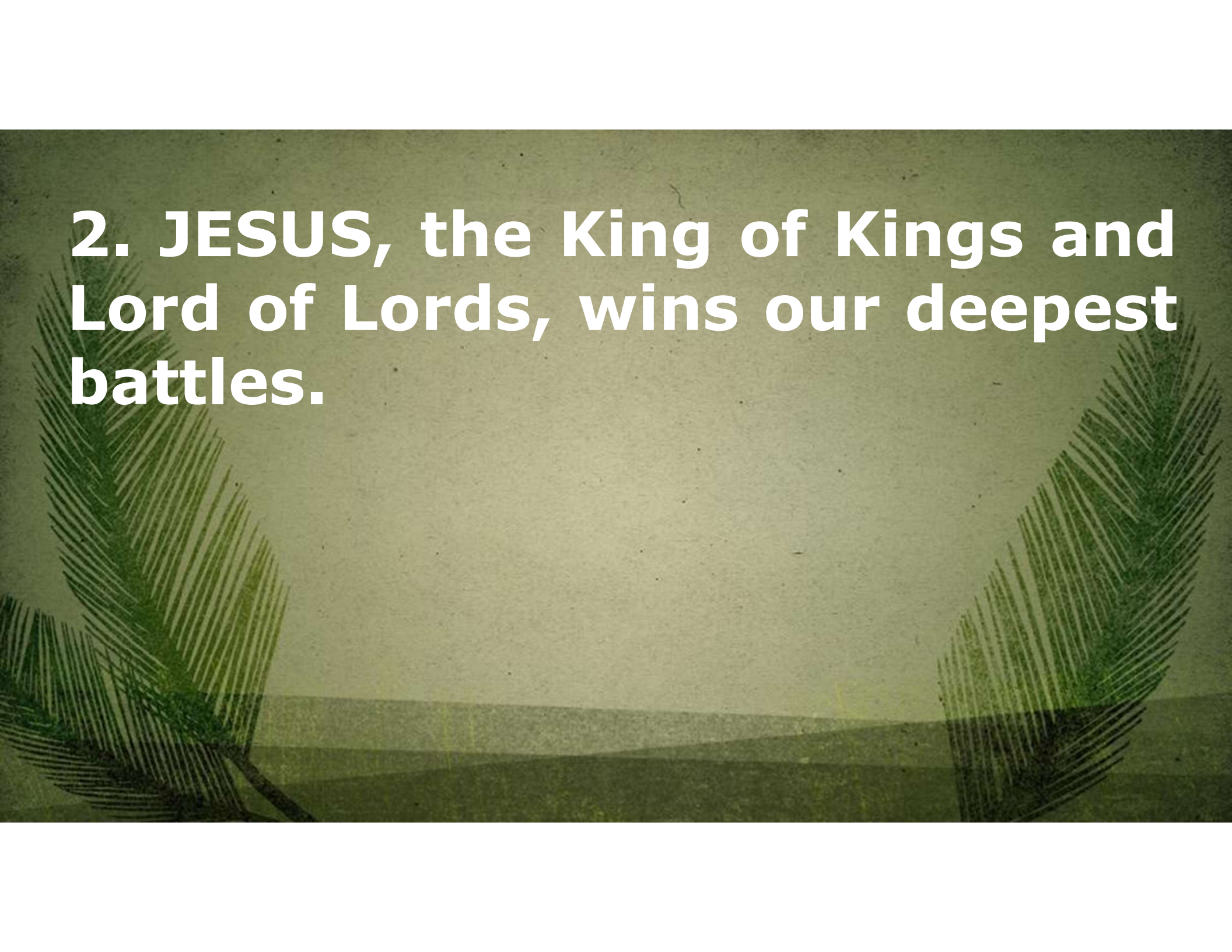
1 Kings 1 - King David did ride a mule (a hybrid of a donkey and a horse)—and more importantly, he had his son Solomon ride his personal mule when declaring him as the next king.

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Psalm 20:7 ESV

**“Some trust in chariots and
some in horses, but we trust
in the Name of the LORD our
God.”**

2. JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, wins our deepest battles.

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They were sick and tired of being afraid and oppressed.

Their history was filled with stories of God warring against the nations and winning.

They were ready for God to overthrow Rome!

But JESUS didn't do what they wanted!

John 18:36 ESV

Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If My Kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My Kingdom is not from the world."

They were right to call Him King. But they misunderstood the crown He came to wear.

Jesus entered not with a sword, but with surrender. Not to defeat Rome, but to defeat sin and death. Not to claim a throne on earth, but to open the gates of Heaven.

How often do we, like the crowd, expect Jesus to show up in the way we want—fixing circumstances, removing pain, making life easier—when He’s quietly working a deeper victory in our hearts?

Jesus doesn’t always come the way we expect, but He always comes with purpose!

Some of the battles we face in life are not the deepest battles.

It's because we haven't allowed the Lord to be King in an area of our hearts!

**3. Our longing for other kings
must end.**



**Just like the people of JESUS' day, we
can be fickle! Changing frequently
with our affections and loyalties!
Shouting God's praises and wanting
Barabbas in the same week!**

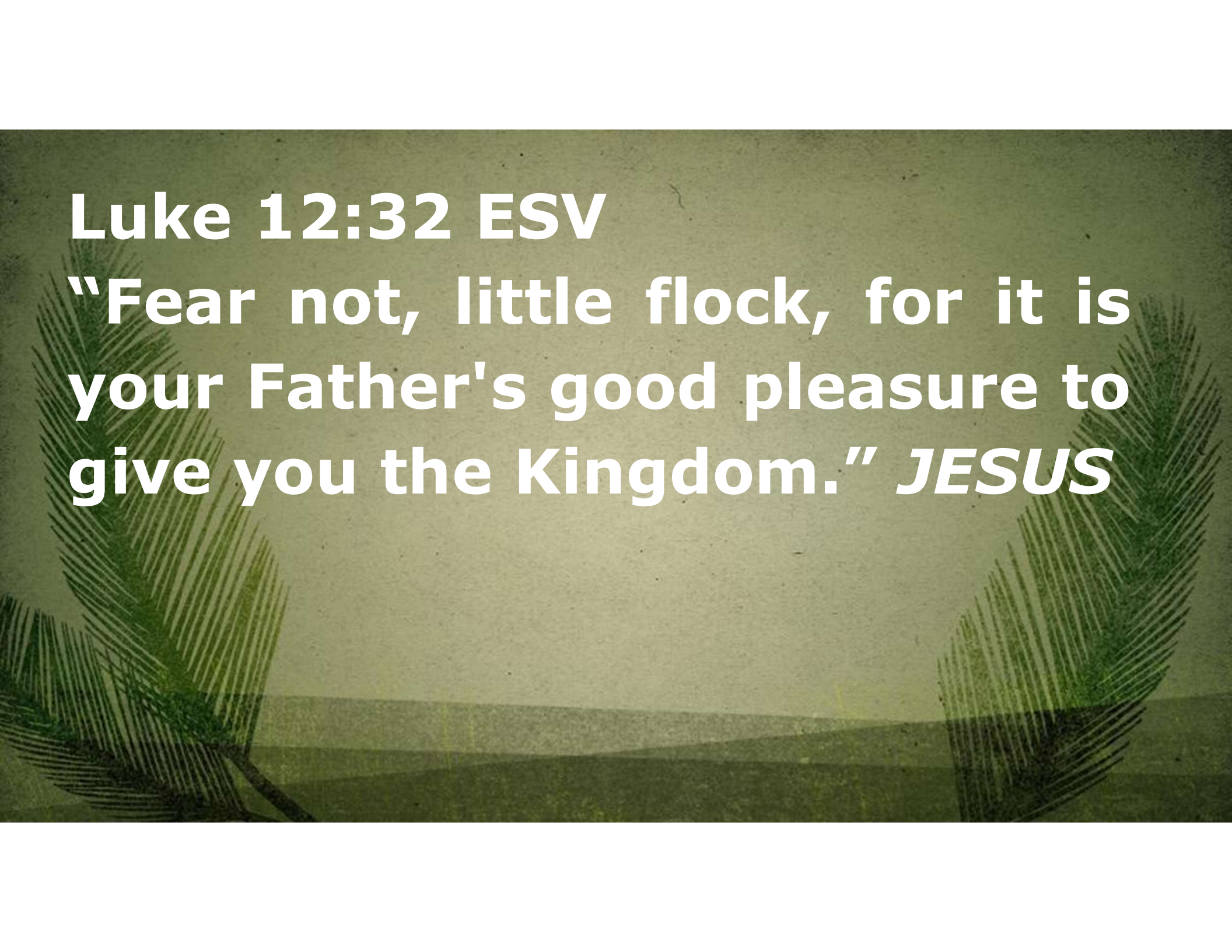
Keeping the King #1:

- **Start and end the day with the King.**
- **Stay in the Word daily.**
- **Worship the King throughout the day.**
- **Take every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:5).**

- **Love like King JESUS.**
- **Practice stillness and silence before the King (Psalm 46:10).**
- **Stay in fellowship with others.**
- **See every situation through a Kingdom lens.**

Contrast 'Fear not' in John 12:15 & 'Rejoice greatly' in Zechariah 9:9.

The Apostle John understood that we often have to work through fear and get beyond fear to rejoice!



Luke 12:32 ESV

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.” *JESUS*



John 15:13 ESV

**“Greater love has no one than
this, that someone lay down
his life for his friends.” *JESUS***

1 John 4:18 ESV

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”

Revelation 7:9 ESV

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.”

Revelation 19:16 ESV

**“On His robe and on His thigh
He has a Name written, King
of kings and Lord of lords.”**

Zechariah 14:9 ESV

**“And the LORD will be King
over all the earth. On that day
the LORD will be one and His
Name one.”**

When all is said and done, perhaps the greatest and most impactful way to hold allegiance to JESUS as the King is to create space for deep worship of Him as King. It's hard to long for other kings when we've busied ourselves with elevating and praising the One who truly is King.

PRAYER - HOSANNA IN MY HEART!

Lord Jesus, You are the King who came in peace.

I welcome You not only into my circumstances, but into the deepest parts of my heart where the real battle is at.

**Help me lay down my expectations,
my pride, and my distractions like
palm branches at Your feet.**

**Even when I don't understand Your
ways, I choose to trust You.**

**Hosanna—save me now, and shape me
into someone who lives for Your
Kingdom.**

Reign in my heart, rule in my life, and help me live in the joy and freedom of Your eternal kingdom.

**Be lifted high in my life, King JESUS.
Amen.**



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