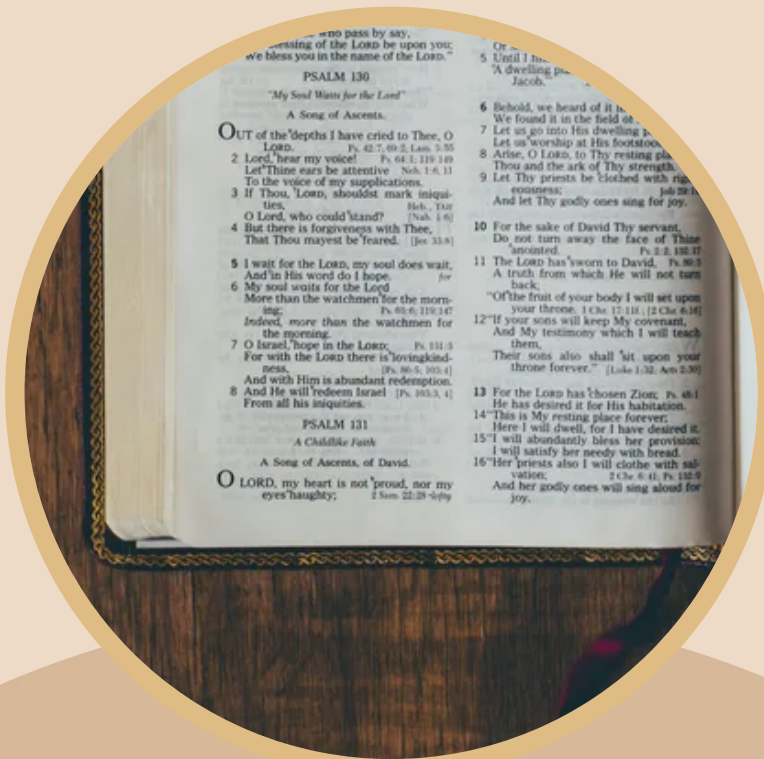


Encountering Jesus: The Triumphal Entry and True Kingship



Explore Jesus' triumphal entry, unveiling His true kingship and challenging misplaced hopes through Luke 19:28–44 and related Scriptures.

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Introduction

The Triumphal Entry marks a pivotal moment in Jesus’ ministry. As He approached Jerusalem, crowds gathered to welcome Him as their King, waving palm branches and crying out “Hosanna!” Yet, while the people expected a political liberator, Jesus came as the Messiah with a far different kingdom in mind.

This study invites you to journey through Luke 19:28–44 and related Scriptures, uncovering the profound truths about Jesus’ kingship. We will explore the tension between popular expectations and God’s real purpose — a kingdom not of this world, centered on salvation, justice, and peace.

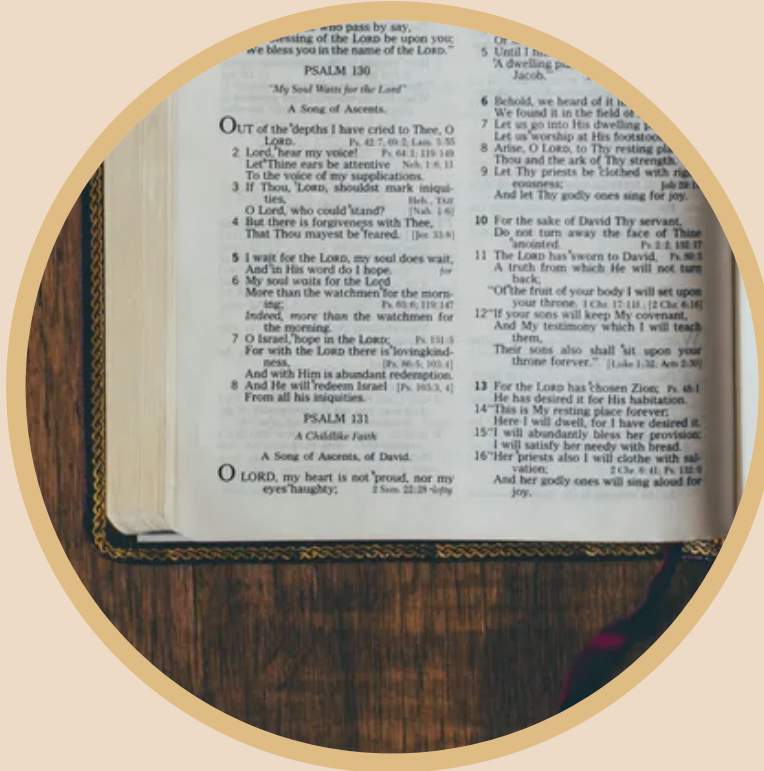
Each day will guide you through Scripture, reflection, and prayer, helping you see how Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem challenges us to consider what kind of King we truly follow. Are we hoping for earthly power or spiritual transformation? How does Jesus’ example shape our understanding of leadership and hope?

Join us on this 7-day journey of discovery, where the crowds’ shouts of “Hosanna” meet the deep call for repentance and faith. May this study deepen your connection with Jesus, the promised King who invites us to lay down our lives in His service and trust in His eternal reign.





Day 1: Welcoming the King



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Your Verse

Luke 19:28-40 – Jesus approaches Jerusalem, greeted as King

Supporting Scriptures

- *John 12:12-15 – The crowd takes palm branches and welcomes Jesus as King*
- *Zechariah 9:9 – Prophecy of the King coming humble on a donkey*



Day 1: 🌿 Welcoming the King

Devotional: Recognizing Jesus' Arrival as King

On this first day, we focus on the joyful, vibrant scene as Jesus enters Jerusalem. The crowds shout “Hosanna!” and lay down their cloaks and branches to welcome Him. They see Jesus as a deliverer who will free them politically and socially, fulfilling their deep hopes.

Yet Jesus rides on a humble donkey, fulfilling prophecy yet signaling a kingdom unlike any other. His kingship is one of peace and salvation, not military might.

What does it mean to welcome Jesus as King in our own hearts today? Like the crowd, we can enthusiastically praise Him, but also must understand His mission beyond our expectations.



Day 1: 🌿 Welcoming the King

Reflect and Apply

1. What were the people expecting from Jesus as their King? How do we sometimes project our own desires onto Jesus?

2. How does Jesus' humble mode of arrival challenge cultural ideas of power and leadership?

3. In what ways is Jesus inviting you to welcome Him into your life as King?



Day 1: 🌿 Welcoming the King

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe what emotions and expectations you imagine the crowd had on the day of the Triumphal Entry.

2. Write about any ways your expectations of Jesus have changed over time.

3. Consider what it means to personally invite Jesus to reign as King in your life today.



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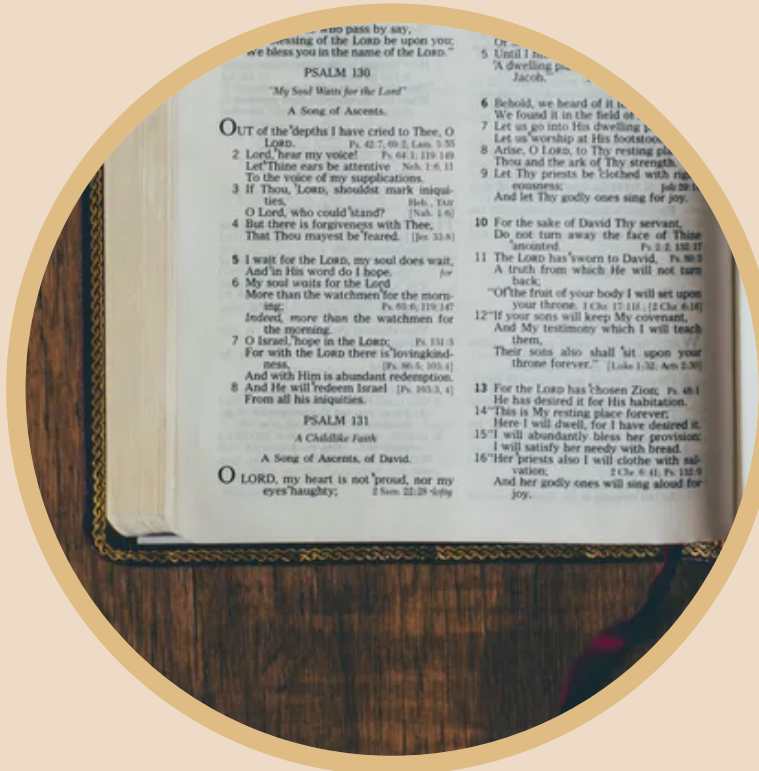
Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, You come gently yet powerfully as King. Help me to welcome You with all my heart, embracing Your humble kingship and surrendering my own expectations. Teach me to recognize Your rule in my daily life and to live under Your peace. *Hallelujah!* Amen. 🙏 🌿 👑





Day 2: Fulfilled Prophecy and True Kingship



Day 2: ☐ Fulfilled Prophecy and True Kingship

Your Verse

Luke 19:38 - The crowd acknowledges Jesus as King, fulfilling prophecy

Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 118:25-26 - "Save us, we pray... blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*
- *Zechariah 9:9 - The prophecy of the King coming humble to Jerusalem*



Day 2:  Fulfilled Prophecy and True Kingship

Devotional: God's Word Comes Alive in Jesus' Entry

The shouts of the crowd — “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” — echo the words of Psalm 118, connecting Jesus to God's promises. The Triumphal Entry is much more than a historic event; it is a divine fulfillment of prophecy and God's plan of redemption.

Jesus is the promised King, but His kingdom isn't one we might expect. It transcends earthly politics and conflict, pointing to a reign grounded in God's justice, mercy, and truth.

Recognizing Jesus as the fulfillment of prophecy invites us to trust in God's promises even when His ways surprise us. It challenges us to reconcile our hopes with God's greater purposes — to seek His kingdom above all.



Day 2: ☐ Fulfilled Prophecy and True Kingship

Reflect and Apply

1. How does knowing Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecy deepen your faith?

2. What are some of your own hopes for God's kingdom, and how might they align or differ from Jesus' mission?

3. How can you encourage others to see Jesus as the true King based on Scripture?



Day 2: ☐ Fulfilled Prophecy and True Kingship

Journaling Prompts

1. List any prophecies you know that Jesus fulfilled and what they mean to you.




2. Reflect on how Jesus being King changes your understanding of God's plan.

3. Write a prayer asking God to help you trust His promises in difficult times.



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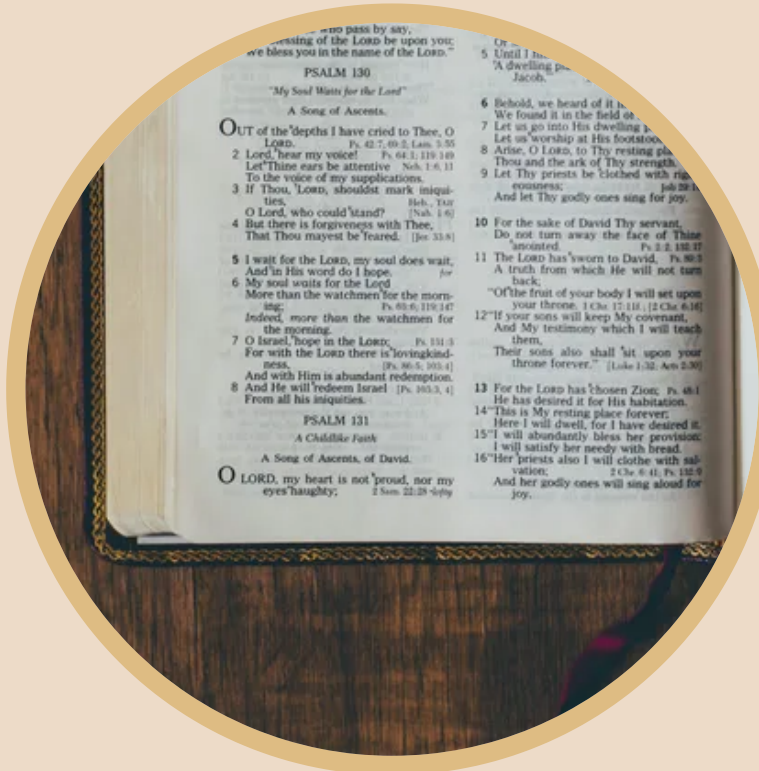
Prayer for Today

Father, Your Word is sure and faithful — Jesus fulfills all Your promises as King. Help me to trust Your timing and reign, knowing Your ways are perfect. Teach me to live with hope anchored in Your truth, and to share that hope with others. *Thank You for Your faithfulness.* Amen.   





Day 3: 🤔 Misplaced Expectations in the Crowd



Day 3: 😞 Misplaced Expectations in the Crowd

Your Verse

Luke 19:41-42 – Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, knowing their misunderstandings

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 21:10-11 – The crowds ask who Jesus is, expecting a political Messiah*
- *Jeremiah 31:31-34 – God promises a new covenant despite Israel's failures*



Day 3: 😞 Misplaced Expectations in the Crowd

Devotional: When Expectations Miss the Mark

While the crowd celebrates, Jesus weeps. He knows that many expect a king who will overthrow their oppressors, but they miss His true mission. The people's hopes are misplaced, focusing on temporal freedom rather than eternal salvation.

This tension is heart-breaking. Jesus' love for Jerusalem reveals His desire for their repentance and peace, yet their resistance leads to judgment.

How do our own expectations sometimes miss God's greater plan? Are we so focused on immediate solutions that we overlook His deeper work? **Jesus invites us to realign our hearts with His vision — a kingdom of grace that transforms from within.**



Day 3: 😞 Misplaced Expectations in the Crowd

Reflect and Apply

1. What are some ways you have misunderstood or expected God to act differently?

2. How can Jesus' lament over Jerusalem teach us compassion for those who don't yet know Him?

3. How might you invite God to reshape your hopes to align with His kingdom?



Day 3: 😞 Misplaced Expectations in the Crowd

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when your expectations for God were challenged or changed.

2. Reflect on Jesus' sorrow and what it means for your relationship with Him.

3. Consider how you can extend grace to others who are struggling to understand God's will.



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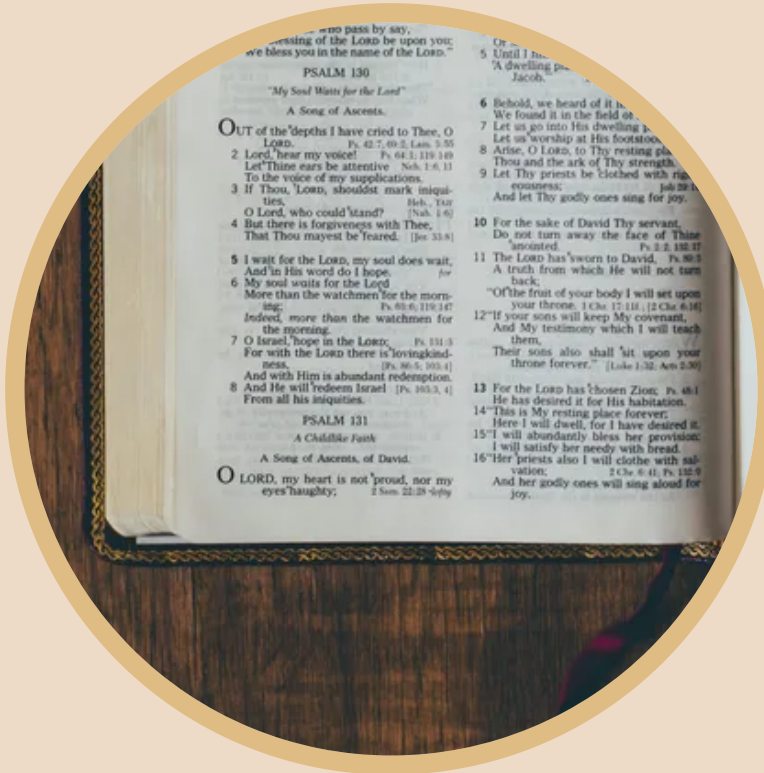
Prayer for Today

Jesus, You see the deepest longings of my heart and the places I miss Your plan. Help me to surrender my misunderstandings and align my hopes with Your kingdom. Give me a heart of compassion like Yours for those who wander. *Lead me in Your way of grace and truth.* Amen. 😞 ❤️ 🙏





Day 4: 🐦 Jesus' Kingdom: Peace and Justice



Day 4: 🕊️ Jesus' Kingdom: Peace and Justice

Your Verse

Luke 19:38 - "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 9:6-7 - The coming king brings peace and justice forever*
- *Romans 14:17 - The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit*



Day 4: 🕊️ Jesus' Kingdom: Peace and Justice

Devotional: Embracing the Kingdom's True Nature

Jesus' kingdom is not defined by earthly power but by peace, justice, and joy. As the crowd praises Him, they echo a deeper truth that His reign brings heavenly peace and glory.

Isaiah's prophecy describes a ruler whose kingdom never ends, full of justice and righteousness — qualities we see embodied in Christ's life and teachings.

Reflect on how living under Jesus' kingship impacts your daily life. We are called to promote His peace and work for justice, reflecting heaven's reality on earth.



Day 4: 🕊️ Jesus' Kingdom: Peace and Justice

Reflect and Apply

1. How does knowing Jesus' kingdom is about peace and justice influence your priorities?

2. In what ways can you be an agent of God's kingdom in your community?

3. How do joy and righteousness manifest in your spiritual walk?



Day 4: 🕊️ Jesus' Kingdom: Peace and Justice

Journaling Prompts

1. List ways you can pursue peace and justice in your daily life.

2. Reflect on what challenges you face in living out kingdom values.

3. Write a commitment to align more closely with Jesus' vision for justice and peace.



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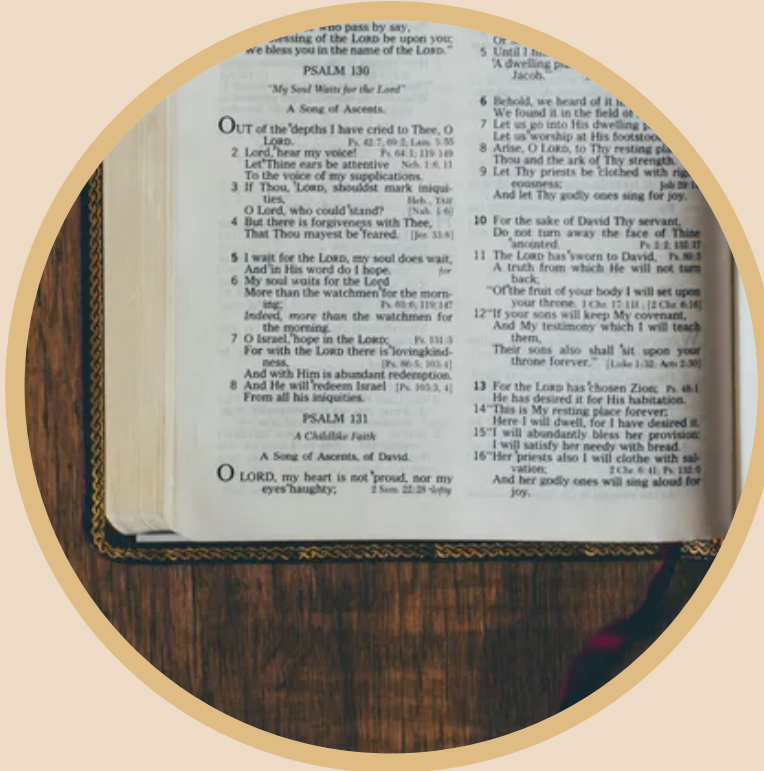
Prayer for Today

King Jesus, Your kingdom is one of peace, justice, and joy. Help me to embody these qualities in my words and actions. May I reflect Your glory and bring hope where there is hurt. Fill me with Your Spirit to be a faithful citizen of Your eternal kingdom. Amen. 🕊️ ⚖️ 🎉 🙏





Day 5: 🔍 Jesus' Warning of Judgment



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Your Verse

Luke 19:43-44 – Jesus predicts Jerusalem's coming destruction

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 23:37-39 – Jesus laments Jerusalem's rejection of Him*
- *Hebrews 12:29 – God's kingdom involves reverence and awe*



Day 5: 🔍 Jesus' Warning of Judgment

Devotional: The Seriousness of Rejecting the King

Though welcomed, Jerusalem's leaders and people largely reject Jesus' kingship, leading to a warning of judgment. Jesus foretells the city's siege, a consequence of their resistance to God's Messiah.

This reminds us that rejecting Jesus and the kingdom He offers has serious implications. The kingdom includes mercy but also calls for accountability and reverence for God.

Consider the seriousness of where you stand with Jesus today. Are you open to His rule or resisting His lordship?



Day 5: 🔍 Jesus' Warning of Judgment

Reflect and Apply

1. What does Jesus' warning teach about the consequences of rejecting Him?

2. How can reverence for God shape your everyday decisions and attitudes?

3. In what areas do you need to surrender more fully to Jesus' authority?



Day 5: 🔍 Jesus' Warning of Judgment

Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect honestly on any resistance you feel toward Jesus' kingship.

2. Write about how you can cultivate a healthy reverence for God.

3. Pray for grace to accept Jesus as King in all areas of your life.



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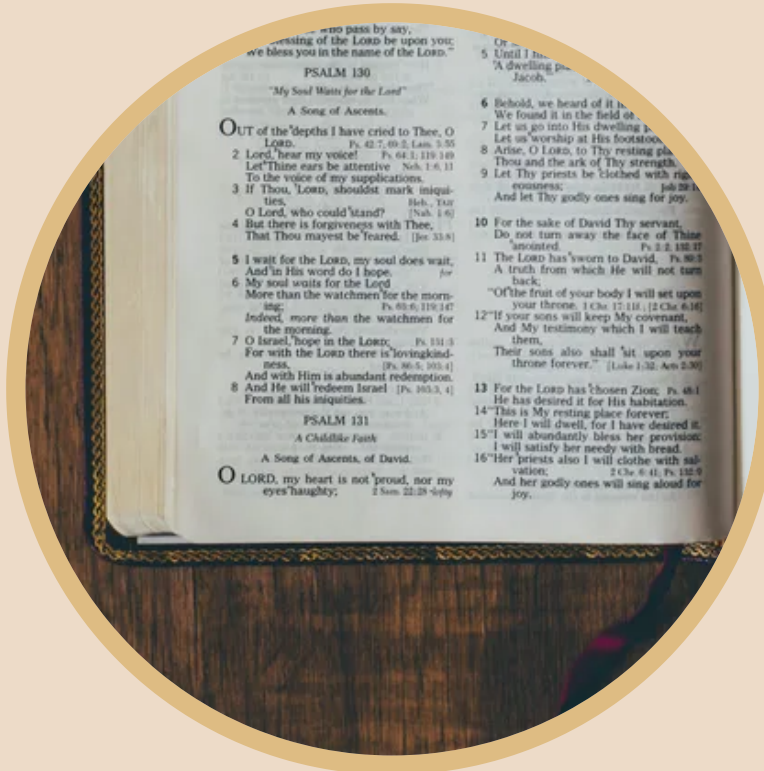
Prayer for Today

Holy God, Your ways are perfect and just. Help me not to resist Your reign but to receive Jesus as my King with reverence and awe. Teach me to live in humility and obedience, trusting Your mercy and judgment. Keep me in Your peace. Amen. 🙏 ⚠️ 👑





Day 6: 💡 Living as Citizens of the Kingdom



Day 6: 💡 Living as Citizens of the Kingdom

Your Verse

Luke 19:47-48 – Jesus teaches daily in the temple

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 3:20 – Our citizenship is in heaven*
- *Matthew 5:14-16 – Called to be light in the world*



Day 6: 💡 Living as Citizens of the Kingdom

Devotional: Reflecting Kingdom Values in Life

Jesus continued teaching about the kingdom even as opposition grew. Those who follow Him are called to live out kingdom values daily, becoming salt and light in a world that so desperately needs truth and hope.

Our citizenship is not merely earthly but heavenly. This transforms how we view work, relationships, and challenges, embodying Jesus' teachings in practical ways.

Living as kingdom citizens means embracing Jesus' lordship and reflecting His character in every part of our lives.



Day 6: 💡 Living as Citizens of the Kingdom

Reflect and Apply

1. How does understanding your heavenly citizenship affect how you live on earth?

2. What kingdom values do you find easiest or hardest to live out?

3. How can you model Jesus' teachings in your community this week?



Day 6: 💡 Living as Citizens of the Kingdom

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about one practical way you will live out kingdom values today.

2. Reflect on the impact of your faith in relationships or work.

3. Set a specific goal to be a light to others this week.



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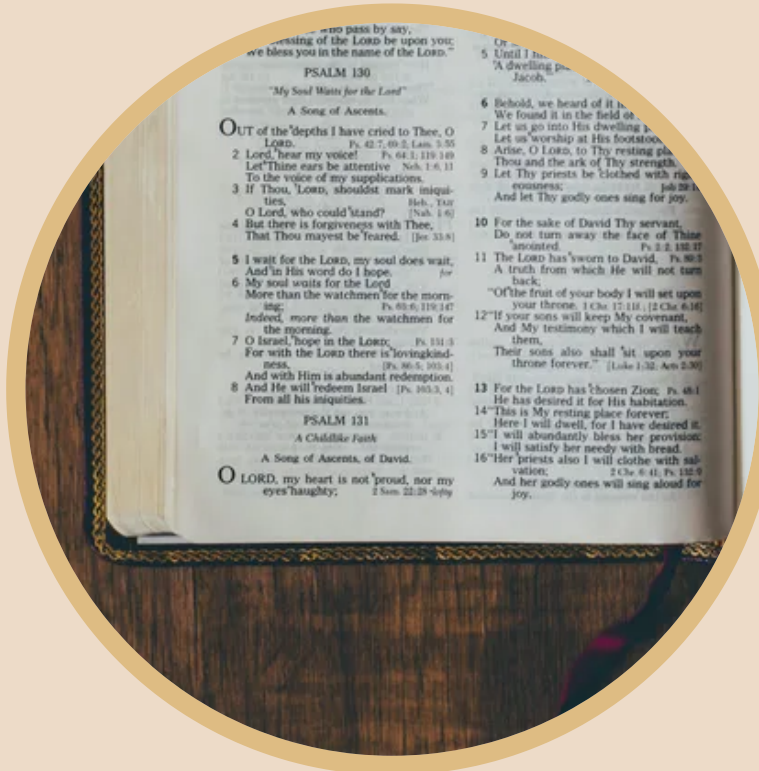
Prayer for Today

Jesus, Teach me to live as a true citizen of Your kingdom. Help me reflect Your love, truth, and light in all I do. Strengthen me to be faithful in small and large ways, pointing others to Your hope and grace. Amen. 🌍 ✨ 🙏





Day 7: 👑 Crowned with Glory: Jesus, Eternal King



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Your Verse

Revelation 19:11-16 – The triumphant return of King Jesus

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 2:9-11 – Jesus exalted as Lord over all*
- *Hebrews 1:3 – Jesus sustains all creation by His power*



Day 7: 👑 Crowned with Glory: Jesus, Eternal King

Devotional: Awaiting the Full Realization of His Kingdom

While Jesus' first coming was marked by humility, His final return will be glorious and triumphant. Revelation paints a vivid picture of Christ returning as the King of kings and Lord of lords, fully manifesting His eternal reign.

Our hope is anchored in this promise — that one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess Jesus is Lord, bringing justice and restoration to all creation.

Living in this tension between 'already' and 'not yet' kingdom calls us to faithful waiting and active discipleship. We join with the crowds today in praising Him—Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes!



Day 7: 👑 Crowned with Glory: Jesus, Eternal King

Reflect and Apply

1. How does the promise of Jesus' return encourage your faith and perseverance?

2. In what ways can you live in hope while waiting for the full realization of God's kingdom?

3. How does Jesus' eternal kingship inspire your worship and daily devotion?



Day 7: 👑 Crowned with Glory: Jesus, Eternal King

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about your hopes for Jesus' return and His kingdom.

2. Reflect on how the final victory of Christ shapes your life priorities.

3. Compose a prayer of praise for Jesus as your King and Savior.



Day 7: 👑 Crowned with Glory: Jesus, Eternal King

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, You are the King of kings, worthy of all praise and glory. I wait with hope for Your triumphant return, when Your kingdom will come in fullness. Help me to serve faithfully and worship You daily as my eternal King. Hosanna! Amen. 👑 🌺 🙏





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