

## Series – The King is Coming

### The Woe of the King

### Matthew 27:1-66

Apologies to Dickens – I want to change the order.

**It was the worst of times** COVID 19 is ravaging the world – taking the lives of thousands shutting down world economy -placing the future of many in doubt

**It was the best of times** – We approach Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord. Today nature is celebrating – trees budding, flowers blooming, birds singing – obviously they know something many are ignoring  
**The King is Coming!**

**Review of the last week of Christ's earthly life in Matthew chapter 21-28**

**The Welcoming of the King** – the Triumphant Entry

**Matthew 21:1-11**

**The Worshiping of the King** – cleansing the Temple

**Matthew 21:12-17**

**The Word of the King** – cursing the fig tree

**Matthew 21:18-27**

In the following chapters Christ overcame the traps of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes, taught the multitudes, was anointed for His death, betrayed by His friend

**The Warrant of the King** –the transformation of Passover

**Matthew 26:26-30**

In the garden of Gethsemane, we witness him bearing the weight of sin and He waited for his arrest  
But in every phase of His final week we see Him as the King even in the throes of death.

#### I. Accused as a King

#### Matthew 27:1-3 and 11-26

**Now Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor. "Are you the king of the Jews?" the governor asked him. Jesus replied, "You have said it." Matthew 27:11**

He was accused and pleaded guilty as being the King!

The full picture of His trials from the 4 gospels

1. **Annas, an ex-high priest and influential figure, subjects Jesus to interrogation (John 18: 19-23).**
2. **Annas then passes Jesus over to Caiaphas, the current ruling high priest. (Matthew 26:59-66; John 18:24).**
3. **Meanwhile Peter is denying him outside. (Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22: 56-62; John 18:25-27).**
4. **Jesus is beaten and mocked by his captors (Matthew 26:67-68; Mark 14:65; Luke 22:63-65)**
5. **At daybreak Jesus is taken to Pilate, the governor of Judea (Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1; John 18:28).**
6. **Pilate sends Jesus to Herod, a ruler of Galilee, Herod mocks Jesus and sends him back to Pilate (Luke 23: 8-12).**
7. **On his return Pilate attempts to release Jesus, but gives in to the crowd releases a murderer (Matthew 27: 11-26, Mark 15: 2-15, Luke 23:2-3, John 18:29: 19-16).**
8. **Jesus is finally scourged, mocked and sentenced to death by crucifixion (John 19:16; Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:25).**

During His trial He was fully in charge as King – *John 19:9-14 He took Jesus back into the headquarters again and asked him, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. <sup>10</sup> "Why don't you talk to me?" Pilate demanded. "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above. So, the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> Then Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, "If you release this man, you are no 'friend of Caesar. 'Anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel against Caesar.'" <sup>13</sup> When they said this, Pilate brought Jesus out to them again. Then Pilate sat down on the judgment seat on the platform that is called the Stone Pavement (in Hebrew, Gabbatha). <sup>14</sup> It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, "Look, here is your king!"*

#### II. Mocked as a King

#### Matthew 27:27-32

Mocked by the Soldiers

A scarlet robe, a crown of thrones and a reed as a scepter

Their mock – "Hail, King of the Jews"

Then they spit on Him and beat Him

Mocked on the Cross

**A sign was fastened above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Matthew 27:37**

If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross – like His temptation in the wilderness

**"He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! So he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross right now, and we will believe in him! Matthew 27:42**

He could not come down and save Himself – He had to die to save us!

### III. Crucified as a King

The sign announced it, but His actions and words proved it

#### 7 sayings from the cross

The gospels record the seven words Jesus spoke on the cross. Here they are

- 1. Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34).** The death of Jesus on the cross opens the door for God's forgiveness. The cross is all about forgiveness and God's love. No wonder that these are the first words Jesus spoke on the cross.
- 2. I tell you the truth; today you will be with me in paradise (Luke 24:43).** Jesus' act of love on the cross means we now have access to God. Not just now but even after this physical body dies.
- 3. Women here is your son, ... here is your mother (John 19:26 - 27).** The love of God should be shared among Christians now on earth. We are one family and should treat each other as such.
- 4. My God, my God why have you forsaken me (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15: 34, Psalm 22:1)** On the cross Jesus felt the separation that sin brings. *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:19*  
*Psalms 22:1-31* runs through the whole Crucifixion narrative; and this saying is the first verse of that Psalm. Later on it says, *Everyone who sees me mocks me. They sneer and shake their heads, saying, "Is this the one who relies on the LORD? hen let the LORD save him! If the LORD loves him so much, let the LORD rescue him!" (Psalms 22:7-8)*. Still further on we read: *"They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots" (Psalms 22:18)*. *Psalms 22:1-31* is interwoven with the whole Crucifixion story. It has been suggested that Jesus was, in fact, repeating that Psalm to himself; and, though it begins in complete dejection, it ends in soaring triumph!  
*For royal power belongs to the LORD. He rules all the nations. Let the rich of the earth feast and worship. Bow before him, all who are mortal, all whose lives will end as dust. Our children will also serve him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord. His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything he has done.* "*(Psalms 22:28-31)*. So it is suggested that Jesus was repeating *Psalms 22* on the Cross, as a picture of his own situation, and as a song of his trust and confidence, well knowing that it began in the depths, but that it finished on the heights.
- 5. I am thirsty (John 19:20)** Jesus suffered thirst on the cross. His flesh had been stretched to the limit. This cry of Jesus gives us a clue to the agony he underwent for you and me.
- 6. It is finished (John 19:30).** Having paid the price Jesus declared it is finished. The price for our salvation; physical and spiritual wellbeing had been settled.
- 7. Father, into your hands I commit my spirit (Luke 23:46).** Jesus then went into the hands of God.

### IV. Buried as a King

**Matthew 27:51-66**

#### Miracles accompanied His death

God had no intention of allowing Christ's death to go unnoticed. The Bible records several supernatural incidents that occurred such as:

- 1. The darkening of the sun** - **Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44**
- 2. The tearing of the veil** - **Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45**
- 3. The earthquake** - **Matthew 27:51**
- 4. The raising of the dead** - **Matthew 27: 52 - 53**
- 5. Proclamation of the centurion** - **Matthew 27:54**

#### Love was poured out upon

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus risked their lives to ask for the body of Christ

Joseph gave his burial place for Christ

Women watched and wept in love

#### His tomb was guarded

Chief priests and Pharisees feared He might arise but said His body might be stolen

Pilate gave orders to seal and guard the tomb

**Therefore, we know He was fully dead** – witnessed by soldiers and buried by friends

**His tomb was very secure** – sealed and guarded

**It was Friday but Sunday was coming!!!!**

#### Today we must decide what we will do

Will we mock with those who say He is not the Son of God – not capable to save us

Or will we bow our knees before the King of Kings?

*Do you find your life at the beginning of **Psalms 22**, " Why has God forsaken me?"*

*Or at the end – "Bow down before Him!"*