

Do We Really Want Jesus to be our King?

Three Pieces of Important Symbolism in Mark 11

1. Jesus and his companions are entering Jerusalem during the festival of Passover.
2. Jesus is riding into Jerusalem on a colt.
3. The crowd is chanting: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest."

How Should we Respond?

1. We should join together with the crowds and _____
_____. The kingdom of God is here!

2. We must avoid having a _____.

3. If Jesus is King, then we owe him _____.

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1. Why not take this next week to read through the Gospel of Mark in preparation for Good Friday and Easter? For those interested in going a bit deeper, read Mark along with watching the short video on Mark produced by The Bible Project.
www.thebibleproject.com/all-videos/gospel-series/
2. What do you make of Jesus's response to Peter: "Get behind me Satan"? Was Jesus too harsh on his disciple? It might be helpful to read Mark 8:27-38.
3. Can you think of examples of a "fake Jesus"? In other words, a popular or cultural conception of Jesus that doesn't match the Jesus we see in the Gospel of Mark?
4. What are some practical examples of cross-shaped character [hint: Jesus is constantly teaching his disciples about this character in Mark 8:22-10:56]? What role models or fellow followers of Jesus come to mind who embody cross-shaped character?