

The Humble King Response Guide

Matthew 21:1-11

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- Read the account of the Triumphal Entry in Matthew 21:1-11
- Do you like being in big crowds? Tell about a time when you were in a big crowd. Was it exciting, scary...?
- What does it mean to say that Jesus is the Humble King? How can a King be humble? How did Jesus demonstrate humility?

You should rejoice that Jesus is King!

1. You can obey Him.

- Do you think it's unreasonable for a King to require obedience? What about King Jesus?
- While you look to Jesus for hope during these uncertain times, are you also doing what He said?
- How have you been reading and applying God's word to your life? Are you allowing God's word to shape your actions and decisions, or are you just talking the talk?

2. You can trust Him when you're disappointed.

- Share a time when you were really disappointed? What are the emotions associated with disappointment?
- Have you ever been disappointed in Jesus?
- Why do you think the so-called "prosperity gospel" that focuses almost exclusively on God's blessing and prosperity in your life can be so harmful to people?
- Is God obligated to fulfill your plans or desires? Why not?
- Why might God not give you everything that you want? What are some reasons that God may allow pain or disappointment in your life?
- Read James 4:13-16. How can you begin applying this principle in your life today?

James 4:13–16 (ESV)

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

Conclusion

Take a moment to praise Jesus and celebrate that He is King. Thank Him for His direction and guidance in your life, as well as for His mercy and grace. Ask Him to help you obey His will and trust Him even when life is disappointing.