



INTRODUCTION:

In the weeks leading up to Easter, I'd like to invite you to study the kingship of Jesus with me. We'll look at how Jesus is introduced in scripture as the Hidden King, the Humble King and ultimately as the Victorious king. Each day will have a personal reflection to help us relate to Jesus individually and collectively as our King.

I recommend doing this study guide with a paper bible because flipping through the pages may help you gain greater familiarity with how the Bible stories relate to one another.

Additionally, each day only covers a few verses so if you have set aside more than a few minutes, it's a great idea to read the surrounding verses (or chapters) to get a sense of what else is happening.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help you with your bible questions as we study God's word together. I'm excited to be on this journey with you! (PD)

Week 1: The Hidden King

(Jesus' identity as the Messiah was often veiled or unrecognized.)

Day 1 – Isaiah 53:1-3 (The suffering servant, not recognized)

Psalm 22:1-8

Reflection: In what ways have you overlooked Jesus' presence in your life?
How can you recognize Him more fully?

Day 2 – John 1:9-14 (The Light of the world, unrecognized by His own)

Psalm 36:7-9

Reflection: What does it mean that Jesus was "not received"? How can you receive Him more deeply in your heart today?

Day 3 – Matthew 13:53-58 (Jesus rejected in His hometown)

Psalm 69:7-9

Reflection: Have you ever felt rejected for your faith? How does Jesus' experience encourage you?

Day 4 – John 7:25-31 (Confusion about Jesus' identity)

Psalm 31:14-16

Reflection: Why do you think people struggled to recognize Jesus as the Messiah? How do you answer the question, "Who is Jesus?"

Day 5 – Matthew 16:13-20 (Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ)

Psalm 118:21-26

Reflection: Who do you say Jesus is? How does your life reflect that belief?

Day 6 – John 12:37-43 (Many did not believe in Him)

Psalm 95:6-8

Reflection: What keeps people from believing in Jesus today? What are some ways we can strengthen our faith?

Day 7 – Luke 19:28-40 (Triumphal Entry—The King revealed)

Psalm 24:7-10

Reflection: If Jesus entered your life in a new way today, how would you respond?

Week 2: The Humble King

(Jesus' humility and self-sacrificial love.)

Day 8 – Philippians 2:5-11 (Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death)

Psalm 113:4-8

Reflection: What does it mean to have the mindset of Christ in your daily life?

Day 9 – John 13:1-17 (Jesus washes the disciples' feet)

Psalm 51:9-12

Reflection: How does serving others reflect Jesus' humility? Who can you serve this week?

Day 10 – Matthew 20:20-28 (The Son of Man came to serve)

Psalm 131:1-3

Reflection: How does Jesus' definition of greatness differ from the world's?

Day 11 – Zechariah 9:9-10 (The King comes riding on a donkey)

Psalm 145:8-13

Reflection: How does Jesus' humble arrival contrast with what people expected from the Messiah?

Day 12 – Matthew 21:12-17 (Jesus cleanses the temple with righteous humility)

Psalm 26:8-12

Reflection: What areas of your life need cleansing so that you can be fully devoted to God?

Day 13 – John 18:33-38 (Jesus before Pilate: "My kingdom is not of this world")

Psalm 2:1-6

Reflection: How does Jesus' kingdom differ from earthly power? How does that affect how you live?

Day 14 – Luke 22:39-46 (Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane)

Psalm 143:7-11

Reflection: When have you struggled to surrender to God's will? What can you learn from Jesus' example?

Week 3: The Victorious King

(Jesus' triumph through the cross and resurrection.)

Day 15 – Matthew 26:47-56 (Jesus arrested but in control)

Psalm 41:7-13

Reflection: How does Jesus' calmness in betrayal inspire you to trust God in hard situations?

Day 16 – Matthew 27:11-31 (Jesus, the King, mocked and crucified)

Psalm 22:14-18

Reflection: How does reflecting on Jesus' suffering deepen your love and gratitude for Him?

Day 17 – Isaiah 53:4-12 (The suffering servant's victory through sacrifice)

Psalm 40:1-3

Reflection: How does Jesus' sacrifice give you hope and assurance today?

Day 18 – John 19:28-37 ("It is finished!")

Psalm 130:1-8

Reflection: What does it mean for your life that Jesus has completed the work of salvation?

Day 19 – Matthew 27:57-66 (Jesus buried; the enemy thought they had won)

Psalm 16:8-11

Reflection: Can you think of a time that God leveraged a bad situation for good?

Day 20 – Matthew 28:1-10 (Jesus is risen!)

Psalm 118:14-17

Reflection: How does Jesus' resurrection give you victory in your daily life?

Day 21 – 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (The final victory over sin and death)

Psalm 149:1-5

Reflection: How does Jesus' resurrection change the way you live today?