

7 Kings – Herod, the Want-to-Be King

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of what is called **Holy Week**:

Sunday - Jesus enters Jerusalem as a King, greeted with palm branches and shouts of Hosanna.

Monday - Jesus clears the temple for the second time, showing His zeal for God's house.

Tuesday – is a day of incredible teaching. It was on this day that Jesus taught about his second coming.

Wednesday – Judas conspires with the Jewish leaders to betray Christ.

Thursday - Jesus shares the Last Supper with his disciples and is arrested that night.

Friday – Jesus is crucified but before that, he is brought to trial before the Sanhedrin, Pilate, and **Herod**.

Herod, the Want-to-Be King!

*Luke 23:1-7 NLT Then the entire Jewish council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. **2** They began to state their case: “This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, **a king**.” **3** So Pilate asked him, “Are you the **king of the Jews**?” Jesus replied, “You have said it.” **4** Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, “I find nothing wrong with this man!” **5** Then they became insistent. “But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!” **6** “**Oh, is he a Galilean?**” Pilate asked. **7** When they said that he was, Pilate sent him to **Herod Antipas**, because Galilee was under Herod’s jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.*

*Luke 13:32 ESV And he said to them, “Go and **tell that fox**, (not a compliment) ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and **the third day I finish my course**.’”*

*Luke 23:8-12 NLT Herod was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus, because he had heard about him and had been hoping for a long time to see him perform a miracle. **9** He asked Jesus question after question, but Jesus refused to answer. **10** Meanwhile, the leading priests and the teachers of religious law stood there shouting their accusations. **11** Then Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus. Finally, they put a royal robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. **12** (Herod and Pilate, who had been enemies before, became friends that day.)*

There’s a little bit of Herod in all of us... a desire to rule our own life. To protect and control what is ours... *Jesus said, if you lose your life for my sake you will find it (mt 16).*

5 Signs You’re Still Trying to Be King

1. You’re Interested in Jesus — But Not Surrendered to Him.

“He had been wanting to see Jesus for a long time...” (v. 8)

Ask yourself: Do I want Jesus to inspire me... or lead me?

2. You Want Jesus to Fit Your Plans.

“...he hoped to see Him perform a sign.”

Remember Jesus already told him, I have a **course to complete and on the 3rd day, I will finish it!**

Jesus isn't a Consultant — He's a King.

Ask yourself: Am I inviting Jesus into my plans — or surrendering to His?

3. You Struggle to Hear God Because You Haven't Let Go of Control.

“He asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer...”

God speaks most clearly to those with a surrendered heart.

Ask yourself: Is there anything I already know He's asking me to do — but I'm resisting?

4. When Things Don't Go Your Way, You Get Frustrated with God.

“Then they ridiculed and mocked Him...” (v. 11)

Faith isn't about getting our way — it's about trusting Him no matter what happens in your life.

Ask yourself: Do I still trust God when He doesn't do what I hoped?

5. You're in Danger of Missing the King Who's Right in Front of You.

Jesus wants to sit on the throne of your life and it won't be shared with two. Either he is Lord or He is not, either he's King Jesus or he's optional.

Ask yourself: Am I still holding onto areas of my life that Jesus wants to lead?

Step Off the Throne

Here's the truth: You weren't created to rule your life. You were created and called to surrender it.

Mt 16:25,26 ESV For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?