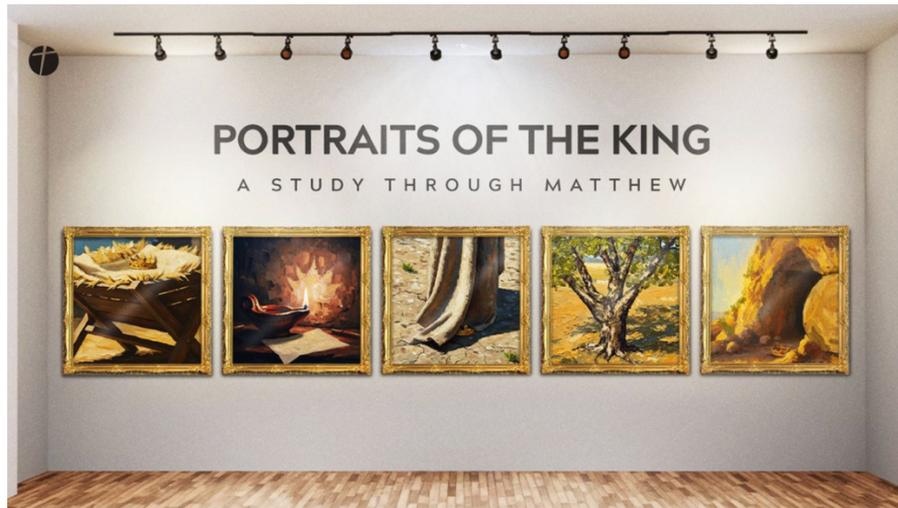


March 26 & 29, 2026
Palm Sunday



Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 15
Portraits of the Kingdom

“A Different Kind of King; A Different Kind of Kingdom”

Matthew 21:1-5 (NIV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

1. The Prophecy of the Kingdom

- Palm Sunday wasn't a spontaneous mistake -it was a sovereignly planned moment.

Luke 9:51 (ESV)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

2. The Problem of the Kingdom

- Jesus was rejected due to a mixture of ignorance and arrogance.
- Ignorance might be your explanation, but it will not work as an excuse.
- Most miss the Kingdom of God because it's in conflict with the Kingdom of ME.
- Palm Sunday reveals that when Jesus shows up as King, everything must come under His authority.
- Submission to the King sets you up for the ride of your life.
- Making Jesus King means living for His kingdom.

Matthew 13:44 (NIV)

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

3. The Plan of the Kingdom

- In the Kingdom, salvation has always been by substitution.
- The King entered Jerusalem not to fight a cause but to pay a penalty.