

Session 1 - The King | God's Chosen King | Psalm 2

1. V1 rhetorically asks a why question – but can you answer this why question? What's behind the strivings of nations on a global level? How do you see this in the news of today?
2. V2-3: Not many rulers do what these verses describe explicitly – but how do they do it nonetheless? How is this not just true for rulers, but also for us?
3. V6-9: If these verses refer to Jesus, when do you think these various things happened?
4. V11: What does this look like in practice? What does it look like in your life?
5. V12: How does this verse relate to salvation in response to the gospel message? What does it therefore illuminate about the gospel message?

Session 2 - The King | The Unexpected King | Matthew 21:1-11

1. Have a look at the prophecy being quoted in v4-5, Zechariah 9:9. Look at the surrounding verses to it – do they help make further sense of it? How does this help you understand something of the nature of Messianic prophecies in the OT?
2. Why is it so significant that a donkey/colt is being ridden on by Jesus into Jerusalem, apart from prophetic fulfilment? How does this link to other parts of his life and ministry? (If you have time, compare this to a very different image in Revelation 19:11-16)
3. What do the actions the crowds take in this passage indicate about what they believed about Jesus? Why did they believe this?
4. Look at Psalm 118:19-27, which the crowds shout verses from in v9. It was a Psalm used in festival celebrations by pilgrims, and how does it help us understand who Jesus is?
5. In V11: the Crowds say that Jesus is a prophet, but their actions suggest they believe he's something more than that. Why is there a discrepancy here?

Session 3 - The King | King Over All | Hebrews 1

1. Count the ways in which Jesus is proclaimed to be special in v1-4. Which one causes you to worship him most right now? Which one is the best bit of news for the world around you this week?
2. Why do you think in v5-14 Jesus is being compared to angels, and shown as greater? What do you think might have been going on in worship of the people Hebrews is written to?
3. Reading v5-14, what do we learn about the purpose of angels? Think about the witness of Scripture – how does it add to what is said in Hebrews 1, or help expand it?
4. Given the sermon series this passage is being used for, where do we see specifically the kingship of Jesus being highlighted in this chapter? And what do we see about it?
5. Look at the OT quotations in this chapter in their wider contexts. How can you see Jesus being prophesied about in them, and what is surprising about this?

Session 4 - The King | The Victorious King | Revelation 19:11-21

1. What does this passage tell us about the kingship of Jesus? What does this mean for our lives – how does it and should it change them?
2. Given the context of the book of Revelation as being first written to Christians facing persecution, how does this passage bring hope in the midst of persecution? How does it bring hope to you personally when you suffer – to whatever level – for following Jesus?
3. Compare this entry of Jesus on a white horse and all that is described about it, with the entry of Jesus as a king in Matt 21:1-11, our passage from a few weeks ago. What do the similarities and differences tell us about Jesus?
4. What about this passage is difficult to deal with, and how do you go about reading and learning from difficult parts of Scripture – whether in their message, or in trying to understand the message in the first place?
5. If you have time: have a look at the various allusions to the Old Testament that are found in this passage. How therefore is this and what soon follows in the book of Revelation the climax of the story of Scripture?