



# Sermon Notes

Topic: King vs Lord

Bible Passage: (Multiple verses)

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## Study Guide Overview

**We often want Jesus to fix our problems as King, but He comes to transform our lives as Lord.**

### 1. The Crowd's Expectation – A King to Fix Their World

- John 12:13 - They wanted Jesus to fix their **ROME problem**
- They celebrated him as a king, but three days later... “Crucify Him.”

**Why?** Because Jesus didn't meet their expectations.

### 2. The Shift – Jesus Challenges, Not Just Fixes

- Between Palm Sunday and the cross, Jesus:
  - ☒ confronts **money** (Luke 19:45; 21:1–4)
  - ☒ confronts **leaders** (Luke 20)
  - ☒ confronts **hearts**

He wasn't fixing their Rome problem. He was confronting the attitudes of their hearts.

**We can easily accept the mindset of Jesus as King but not as Lord. A king has authority over a people (collectively). A Lord has authority over you. (personally).**

### 3. Why We Resist Lordship

- My biggest resistance to having Jesus as my Lord was a fear of losing control.
  - ☒ Fear of losing good things
  - ☒ Doubting the character of the King

That's why Isaiah reminds us who He is:

☒ Wonderful Counsellor ☒ Mighty God ☒ Everlasting Father ☒ Prince of Peace

**We don't resist His authority—we resist what we think His authority will cost us.**

### 4. What Lordship Actually Looks Like

- 📌📌 Luke 6:46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord’... and not do what I say?”

### Practical Contrast

#### Prayer

☒ King → “Fix this problem” ☒ Lord → “Change me in this situation”

#### Bible

☒ King → “What's wrong out there?” ☒ Lord → “What needs shaping in me?”

#### Daily Life

☒ King → reactive ☒ Lord → surrendered

**Key Line: “Lordship is not a belief—it's a lifestyle shaped by Jesus.”**

**Do you want Jesus to fix your life—or lead your life?**



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## Small Group Questions/Discussions - Theme: King or Lord?

### 1. Icebreaker (Relatable Entry Point)

- What's one thing in your life right now you'd love God to fix immediately? (your "Rome problem")

### 2. Read Together: John 12:12-13 ☒ Luke 19:45-21:4 ☒ Luke 6:46

### 3. Observation Questions

- What did the crowd expect Jesus to do on Palm Sunday?
- What did Jesus actually do in the days that followed?
- Why do you think the crowd turned on Him so quickly?

### 4. Dig Deeper (Heart-Level Questions) - King vs Lord Reflection

#### 1. Where in your life do you primarily treat Jesus as:

- King (fix things for me)
- rather than Lord (lead and shape me)?

#### 2. What is your current "Rome problem"?

- How are you asking Jesus to respond to it?

#### 3. What might it look like for Jesus to be Lord in that situation instead?

### Resistance Questions

#### 4. What makes it hard for you to fully trust Jesus as Lord?

- ☒ Control? ☒ Fear? ☒ Comfort?

#### 5. Which of Jesus' titles (Isaiah 9:6) do you struggle to believe personally right now?

### Lifestyle Questions

#### 6. In what area of your life is Jesus inviting you to:

- ☒ shift your attitude? ☒ surrender control? ☒ respond differently?

#### 7. What would change this week if you started each day with: "**Lord, lead me today—I'm all in.**"

### 5. Practical Challenge (This Week)

#### Daily Practice: Each morning pray:

"Jesus, today I don't just want You as my King—

I surrender to You as my Lord. Shape my attitudes, my responses, and my decisions."

Then ask: "*What is one moment today where I need to choose His way over mine?*"

### 6. Group Prayer Focus

- ☒ Surrender areas where we resist His Lordship

- ☒ Trust in His character (Isaiah 9:6)

- ☒ Courage to live shaped lives, not just saved lives

### 7. Final Reflection Ask the group:

**"If someone watched your life this week—would they say Jesus is your King... or your Lord?"**