

**Read: Luke 19:28-40**

## The King Comes to You

### **Luke 19:37-38 (EHV)**

As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

You come home from school one day, and your house has turned into a beehive of activity. A special guest is coming to your house. Your family just found out about it this morning. Yet there's something unusual about the activity. It's not just Mom or Dad or your brother or sister cleaning. There are other people getting everything ready. They are not your neighbors. Some even look official, securing the area and making sure everything looks just right. Some are professionals—chefs, decorators, and others—making sure no detail is overlooked.

So who is coming to visit? Whoever it is, they must be important to require this much preparation. Maybe the governor or the president or some other important person is coming to visit your family. Now they aren't coming to stay at your house or to have you live with them. Presidents and governors, kings and queens simply don't do that. Yet today we hear about a King who not only comes to visit us, he comes to live with us.

Jesus was with his disciples just outside of the city of Jerusalem. It was a busy time when people from all over the world traveled there to celebrate a festival called the Passover. Large crowds followed Jesus everywhere. When the time came for him to enter Jerusalem, he didn't enter the city with all kinds of pomp and glory. Instead, Jesus rode on the back of a donkey with coats for a saddle. People cut down palm branches and waved them in the air. They laid their coats on the ground for him and they sang ancient songs. Yet Jesus was not planning to make himself king. Instead, he was making his way to a cross where he would suffer and die for us.

You see, Jesus is a King like no other king who has ever lived. Jesus is not so glorious or so powerful or so important that he does not care about us or have no time for us. Every day he comes to give us the good news that we are so precious and priceless to him, he bought us with his blood. He comes to die for us to take away our sins and to rise again to give us life with him forever. Imagine that! The King of kings comes to be with you now—and he's not leaving. Jesus wants you to live with him forever. How amazing!

*The questions below are to help families discuss this devotion. The questions are divided by age group as suggestions, but anyone could reflect on any of the questions as they desire.*

### **Questions for the Younger Children**

- Name one person you would want to make a surprise visit to your house.
- In a couple weeks, whom will we welcome as a special guest into our home?

### **Questions for Elementary Age Children**

- Name at least two things that make Jesus different from any other king.
- True or False: Jesus entered Jerusalem for me. Explain why.

### **Questions for Middle School and Above**

- Someone special is arriving in a couple weeks. As a family, discuss ways you can prepare your home for his coming.
- Jesus is coming not to visit but to live with you. Describe how that ought to change your thinking and living.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Dear King Jesus, sometimes we forget that you are unlike anyone else in the whole wide world. You love us and care for us more than anyone else, even our own families. Help us to serve and follow you. Be with us every day of our lives. Amen.