



SPORTS IN FOCUS

ROYAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

Matthew 19:1-23:39 • Lesson Ten

READY

- When you think of Jesus do you think of Him as king? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is indeed the King of kings?

SET

Context of Matthew 19:1-23:39

In this section of Matthew's gospel we see Christ as the King of heaven, who is rejected by His own people. Jesus is moving relentlessly toward the hour of His suffering and death. The hostility of the Jewish leaders is growing. Every event and conversation in these tense, final days affords the Lord one more opportunity to shine the light of God's truth into the world's darkness.

Keys to Text

Christ is King: In ancient times the coronation of a monarch involved the display of great splendor and pageantry. The king would be dressed in the most expensive robes and jewels and would be driven through his capital city in an ornate carriage drawn by stately horses. Every part of the ceremony was designed to highlight the majesty, glory, power and dignity of the king. Jesus was affirmed as King and was, in a sense, inaugurated into His kingship. But here was no pomp, no splendor, and only a brief sort of pageantry.

GO

Read Matthew 19:1-23:39

1. In your own words, summarize Jesus' teaching on divorce.
2. How did Jesus respond to the rich young man (19:16-24)? Why?
3. What is the underlying message of the parable of the laborers (20:1-16)?
4. What main events transpired when Jesus first arrived in Jerusalem (21:1-17)? What do these event signify about Jesus?
5. What is the point of the parable of the marriage feast (22:1-14)?
6. Explain the greatest commandment in your own words (22:37-39).
7. How can a person know when he or she is being obedient to this text (22:37-39)?
8. In what specific and practical ways can modern-day Christians treat Jesus as their true King?
9. What step of obedience will you take today to demonstrate that you love Christ with all your heart, soul and mind?

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LeBron Raymone James nicknamed "King James," was a three-time "Mr. Basketball" of Ohio in high school, and was highly promoted in the national media as a future NBA superstar while a sophomore at St. Vincent – St. Mary High School. At just 18, he was selected with the number one pick in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and signed a shoe contract with Nike before his professional debut. Now that he has joined the Miami Heat along with superstar teammates Dwight Wade and Chris Bosh, many believe he will finally rule the NBA. No doubt fans outside of Miami want no part of LeBron's kingdom. Likewise, not every in Jerusalem wanted Jesus to rule the kingdom either. Most of the people we read about in Matthew's gospel wanted Jesus on their own terms. They would not bow to a King who was not of their liking, even though He was the Son of God. They wanted Jesus to destroy Rome but not their cherished sins or hypocritical, superficial religion. But he would not deliver them on their terms, and they would not be delivered on His. www.nebraskafca.org