

# Day 4

## The King Comes

***“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” Luke 19:38***

If Advent is the time to be hopeful for something good to come for us, then we ought to know what to expect. In this verse from the Bible, the people of Jerusalem seem to expect a triumphant king, but Jesus knew what was waiting for Him in Jerusalem ... and it wasn't the adoring crowds.

Only a short time before the crowds cheered Him on with these words, Jesus had told His disciples that He was going to Jerusalem to be handed over, mocked, insulted, spit on, flogged, and killed. That doesn't sound very blessed, but still He went to Jerusalem.

It wasn't the first time Jesus made what we might view as a seemingly bad choice. As God, He knew that the people He had created in His own image had sinned and that the only way to save them from eternal punishment was to suffer in their place. So, to accomplish this, He became man and was born in Bethlehem so that He could suffer as a man for the sins of all mankind. If we are honest, we have to admit that this is not an equal trade. The Son of God ... for me? It's not fair, but Jesus thought we were worth it. Because He came for us all, faithful Christians can say, “We are blessed because our God, the King, comes to save us!”

### *Prayer*

Lord God, I praise you that you have offered me salvation through your son, Jesus, so I may live my life in perfect hope, and trust in your gracious forgiveness. It's hard for me to even imagine all that Jesus went through just to save me, but I am grateful. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### *Ponder*

Have you ever experienced doing something completely selfless just because you love someone? What does the Kingship of God look like in your life?

### **Worship Video**

Our God is greater

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJpt1hSYf2o>

## **Christmas Story**

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

'In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;

he will do what is just and right in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved

and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior

## **Bible Verse**

[Jeremiah 33:14](#)

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