

Long Story Short: A New Kind of King

Reflect

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word King?
2. Why would the world need a new “kind” of King?
3. If you were King what would you be tempted with?

Read Your Bible

- Isaiah 11:1-11 & Luke 4:17-20

Apply God’s Word to Your Life

1. Why do we need a King at all?
2. Verse 3 of the Isaiah text says; *“³ ...He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.”* Why would it be beneficial to judge without using your eyes or ears?
3. What are the characteristics of a King that you would willingly follow?
4. If you were King, what kind of King would you be, what would be your characteristics? What would you be known for?
5. Verses 2-3 of the Isaiah text says; *“² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.”* How do you understand the Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**; the Spirit of **counsel** and of **might**; the Spirit of **knowledge** and **fear** of the Lord?

Humanity has a longing to be led, regardless of what our culture says about finding your way to the top. We were created to be led, to follow, that is precisely why we call Jesus Lord, someone to rule over us. Think about humanities abuse of power throughout human history. Consider the fact that the word “leader” is used 6 times within scripture, and the word “servant” is used 885 times (using the King James translation). Christ is the King that we need, maybe not always the king we want, because at times we want to be our own king. Praise the Lord we have the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to lead us to rule with Holy Justice and Mercy.

Pray Gracious God, we are grateful for You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Help us to listen and then to respond, to follow Your leadership. Forgive us for when we try to be our own King to try to set our own rules that lead us away from You. Thank You for Your desire to rule us so that we may flourish in our relationship with You and with those around us. Amen.