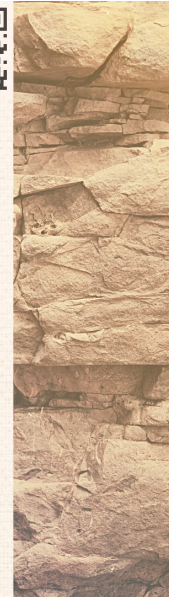


# EASTER

## season



Please commit to attending all of these gatherings and prayerfully consider who to invite to each one.



**April 1 Egg Hunt** 10am-2pm



**April 2 Palm Sunday - The King Has Come** 9am, 11am



**April 6 The Garden and the Courtyard** 6:30pm



**April 7 Good Friday - Behold the Man** 6:30pm



**April 9 Easter Sunrise Service** 6am on the field



**April 9 Easter - Whom Are You Seeking** 8am, 10am, 12pm  
Baptisms will be held after the 12pm service.

WOMEN'S REFRESH  SPRING 2023

# abide

Colossians 2:6 "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him."

Featuring Janie Alfred

MAY 5-6 | FRI 6:30PM-9PM | SAT 9AM-3PM

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# ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 30 | THE KING HAS COME | John 12:12-19

## THERE IS NO KING LIKE JESUS

Monarchs, in the mind of Americans, have had a hard row to hoe. From the time of the American Revolution, Thomas Paine, with determination, drove the point home in his epic work *Common Sense* that there is no king but God. Thus, the kingly concept is contrary to the American way. Americans would prefer that people keep their monarchs to themselves unless it's for gossip and tabloids. That is one reason the children of Israel's cry for a king is so confounding. During the days of Samuel, Israel turned their theocracy in for a monarchy, demanding that God give them a king so they could be like other nations. But God birthed beauty from their blunder and turned their ill-advised request into an eternal promise that changed the world. God did bring a King. He brought The King who would save His people from their sins and redeem all creation from its brokenness. God's King rode humbly on a donkey into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and surrendered His life to the excruciating pain of the cross, only to rise victoriously from the dead three days later. This King is Jesus. And there's no King like Him.

**Leaders:** Take your group through each section: **Pray, Reflect, and Reach.** Keep in mind the time allowances. In the **Reflect** section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

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### **PRAY** (10 min)

As a Life Group, reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Spend time worshiping King Jesus in prayer.



### **REFLECT** (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. **Read Psalm 2 and discuss the kingly aspects of Jesus. What are some points of application for you?**

**THE JEWS KILLED JESUS BECAUSE HE MADE HIMSELF EQUAL TO GOD. THE ROMANS KILLED HIM BECAUSE HE MADE HIMSELF EQUAL TO CAESAR.**

2. Jesus demonstrated the most excellent quality a King could have for His people: love. **Discuss the many ways that King Jesus has demonstrated His love for you. Be thorough in your discussion. How does this make you want to respond to Him?**

# ENCOUNTER JESUS

**NO EARTHLY RULER WILL SATISFY THE DEEPEST SOUL LONGINGS OF YOUR LIFE. YOU NEED A KING WHO WILL LOVE YOUR SOUL INTO ETERNITY.**

3. Kings require worship, and no one deserves to be worshiped more than Jesus. **What does it practically mean to worship Jesus as King? Give concrete examples. How can you level up in your worship of Christ the King?**

**TO THE KING OF THE AGES, IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, THE ONLY GOD, BE HONOR AND GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

**1 TIMOTHY 1:17**



## **WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE**

**REVELATION 9:16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

### **THIS WEEK'S MISSIONAL LIVING TIP:**

Kings had heralds who would proclaim their coming to villages, towns, and cities. Their proclamation would give people an opportunity to prepare themselves for the royal honor of the king's presence. When you proclaim Christ and His good news, you give people a chance to prepare their hearts to receive God's King. The greatest King.



## **REACH** (5 min)

Proclaim Christ as King to at least one person this week