



PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM

Making Sure We Don't Miss the King

LUKE 7:17-23

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1. _____ of the King (vv.17-20)

2. _____ in the King (vv.21-22)

3. _____ about the King (v.23)

17 And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country. 18 The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, 19 calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 20 And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" 21 In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. 22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. 23 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 73:1-17**. What are some of the realities in this present life that get you to the place of "almost stumbling" (v.2)?
2. Read **Romans 8:18-25**. Why is the absence of any "groaning" in one's Christian life a sign of serious spiritual problems?
3. Read **Psalm 13:1-6**. What are some of the important truths that need to be recalled and affirmed to get your own heart from v.1 in this psalm to vv.5-6?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**. In what ways are some tempted to modify the message of Christ because it doesn't meet others' expectations? What insights can we gain from this passage that can safeguard us from those temptations?
5. Read **Acts 3:18-21**. Why is a knowledge of Old Testament prophecy important and how does evangelism relate to the coming kingdom (cf. 2 Peter 3:8-13)?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

March 30th

Judg.1-2 & Lk.7:1-30

March 31st

Judg.3-5 & Lk.7:31-50

April 1st

Judg.6-7 & Lk.8:1-21

April 2nd

Judg.8-9 & Lk.8:22-56

April 3rd

Judg.10-11 & Lk.9:1-36

April 4th

Judg.12-14 & Lk.9:37-62

April 5th

Judg.15-17 & Lk.10:1-24

April 6th

Judg.18-19 & Lk.10:25-42

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**

Msg. # 08-59 – **The Theodicy of God** (a study on God's goodness & the existence of evil)

Msg. # 05-30 – **Grappling with Doubts by Revisiting God's Imprimatur on the Truth**

Msg. # 12-26 – **The Creator Knows You (and your difficult trials)**

Msg. # 10-19 – **Looking for the Good When Things Go Bad**

Msg. # 09-04 – **Making Sense of the Bad in the "Good Book"**

Msg. # 09-24 – **Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Archer, G. **The Book of Job**. Baker, 1982.1019

Brown, Michael L. **Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus**. 5 volumes. Baker Books, 2000.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord?** Baker, 1990.

Feinberg, John S. **The Many Faces of Evil: Theological Systems and the Problem of Evil**. Zondervan, 1994.

Geisler, Norman. **The Roots of Evil**. Zondervan, 1978.

Kaiser, Walt. **The Messiah in the Old Testament**. Zondervan, 1995.

Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. B & H., 2000.

McDowell, Josh. **The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict**. Thomas Nelson, 1999.

McGrath, Alistair. **Suffering & God**. Zondervan, 1995.

Plantinga, Alvin. **God, Freedom, & Evil**. Eerdmans, 1974.

Poole, Garry. **How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?** Zondervan, 1998.

Stackhouse, John. **Can God Be Trusted? Faith and the Challenge of Evil**. Oxford, 1998.

Tada, Joni Eareckson & Steve Estes. **When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty**. Zondervan, 1997.

Varner, William. **The Messiah: Revealed, Rejected, Received**. Author House, 2004.

Whitney, Barry L. **Theodicy: An Annotated Bibliography on the Problem of Evil**. PDC, 1998.