

Echoes of Easter

Echoes of the King



Everything we need to know about our journey,
about our faith, can be seen in the Easter week



Echo

An echo is the sound you hear when you make a noise and the sound wave reflects off a distant object

Two things are needed in an echo, the sound and the reflecting object



The Triumphal Entry

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Luke 19:28-31



The Promised King

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9





“The Triumphant Entry of Constantine into Rome”
Peter Paul Rubens, 1622

The Promised King

This is the most public display of Jesus in His
entire ministry



The Promised King

The **sceptre** will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. Genesis 49:10

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will **give him the throne** of his father David, and he will **reign** over Jacob's descendants forever; **his kingdom** will never end." Luke 2:32-33

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on **David's throne and over his kingdom**, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:7

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be **ruler** over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2



The Promised King

Belief in the eventual coming of the mashiach is a basic and fundamental part of traditional Judaism. It is part of

Rambam's 13 Principles of Faith, the minimum requirements of Jewish belief. In the Shemoneh Esrei prayer, recited three times daily, we pray for all of the elements of the coming of the mashiach: ingathering of the exiles; restoration of the religious courts of justice; an end of wickedness, sin and heresy; reward to the righteous; rebuilding of Jerusalem; **restoration of the line of King David**; and restoration of Temple service.



The Problem King

Jesus presented a bit of a conundrum for His followers

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”
Luke

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” Mark

“see, your king is coming,” John

“Hosanna to the Son of David!” Matthew



The Problem King

The people were declaring Jesus king, but what kind of King was He?

They weren't submitting to His reign, but instead using Him for their freedom (modern day politician)

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. John 6:14-15



The Problem King

He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

Psalms 2:7-9

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:6-8



The Problem King

Which King is Jesus?

Both, ask the donkey

The Jews and the Romans asked the same question,
but were really asking “what will you do for me?”

“Who do people say that I am?”

The question, and the answer says more about us
than it does Jesus



The Problem King

Jesus is King, period, the problem of His Kingship is ours

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37



The Personal King

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:41-42

The destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD and
the Diaspora



The Personal King

Jesus has announced His Kingship, He has His sights set on a universal reign, but His heart is still broken by the plight of the people



The Personal King

Jesus weeping is for two reasons

If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:42

Personal rejection

They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you. vs 44

National rejection



The Sound and the Reflection

The proclamation of Jesus the King, unveiled and revealed in the Triumphal Entry is the sound



The Sound and the Reflection

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron sceptre." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **king of kings and lord of lords.**

Revelations 19:11-16

