

# **Who Is This?**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

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Who is Jesus?

What does His kingdom look like?

How are we participating in God's Kingdom?

# Who Is This?

- Matthew is telling his readers Jesus is:
  - The king from David's line they have been waiting for. The Messiah.
  - He is the fulfillment to the promise given to Abraham that one of his descendants will be a king who blesses the whole world.

# Who Is This?

- The high points of Israel's history
  - Abraham
  - Moses
  - David
- Exile from the land- promises of a king who will save, rescue, and restore Israel
- Return to the land but under foreign rule.

# Who Is This?

- Jesus own contemporaries didn't know who he was.
- Jesus didn't fit in their boxes or expectations.
- Every time Jesus broke out of their boxes the question was asked, "Who is this?"
- When was the last time Jesus broke out of your box and made you ask yourself "Who is this?"

# Who Is This?

- People of Jesus' time thought Jesus was:
  - Teacher-Rabi. Jesus was someone who could explain and impart knowledge to others. Shows us how to live moral lives.
  - Prophet- someone with a message from God about His Kingdom and repentance.

# Who Is This?

- Who is Jesus?
  - Savior- someone who saves us from our sins so we can be forgiven and go to heaven. Until we get to heaven Jesus comes to saves us when we find ourselves in a spot we can't get out of.
  - Lord- master of our lives with absolute authority over us.

# Who Is This?

- Who is Jesus to you?
  - Teacher
  - Prophet
  - Savior
  - Lord

# Who Is This?

- Is Jesus more than your savior? Is He your King?
- Jesus as King is connected to His Lordship over our lives.
- King Jesus expects his people to model the character, nature, and values of the King.
- Our allegiance is to King Jesus and His Kingdom first and foremost.
- Have we given our allegiance to anyone/anything before Jesus?

# Who Is This?

- Who is Jesus to you?
- What is the nature, character, and values of His Kingdom?
- Are we living as citizens of His Kingdom now?
- Are we still living as citizens of earthly kingdoms- reflecting their character, values, and nature?