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Jesus says, "I am your King!"

- Why would we need or want this King?
 1. Our world is broken
 2. There is a broken ruler in place (John 12:31; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19)
 3. We need a benevolent ruler!
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Why? What is He doing?

- I am not coming to slay you. I am coming to save you!
 - Jesus is declaring his humble, gentile, saving, Jewish and global kingship.
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2. Cleansing the Temple (Isaiah 56:6-8)

- a) Jesus is putting himself in the position of the coming king.
 - b) Context is global, not just Jewish
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What was this showing?

- I am the coming king!
- 2 Samuel 5:6-10 and 1 Chronicles 11:4-6 Jesus did to the Temple's traditions what he did with the money-changers' tables: **he turned them upside down.**
- It is not just a kingship over other kings, but over all brokenness.

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4. His Response to Children (Psalm 118)

Who do these "children" represent?

- the marginalized
 - "the little ones" Jesus spoke of in Matthew 18
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CLOSING THOUGHTS:

This is the King that does not rule like the world.

- God had promised what they wanted.
 - ✓ The problem was the rejection of the salvation that had to happen 1st through Jesus!
- What has to happen before God ushers in the just and righteous reign of His promised King over His worthy subjects? (He has to create those worthy subjects!) -Titus 2:11-14
- We are grotesquely unworthy... **He is all about making us worthy!**

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