



Through the Cross Born a King

I. The Arrival of the King

Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV[®])

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "**Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?** We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

A. Prophets Anticipated

Jeremiah 23:5 (NASB[®])

⁵ "Behold, *the* days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And **He will reign as king** and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB[®])

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! **Behold, your king is coming to you;** He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and **mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

B. Prophecy Fulfilled

Luke 19:37-38 (NASB[®])

³⁷ As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, ³⁸ shouting: "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Luke 23:38 (NASB[®])

³⁸ Now there was also an inscription above Him, "**THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**"

John 12:12-15 (NASB[®])

¹² On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel." ¹⁴ Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, ¹⁵ "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

C. Jesus Boldly Acknowledges His Kingdom

John 18:37 (NIV[®])

³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, **for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world**, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

D. Those Who Choose to Mock

Matthew 27:41-43 (NASB[®])

⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking *Him* and saying, ⁴² "He saved others; **He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel;** let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. ⁴³ "HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE *Him* now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

II. Paradox of the Cross

John 18:36 (NIV®)

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But **now my kingdom is from another place.**"

A. Power Up ---made alive!

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV®)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Romans 1:16 (NIV®)

¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because **it is the power of God** for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

B. A Total Defeat

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV®)

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ **having canceled the written code**, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, **nailing it to the cross.** ¹⁵ And **having disarmed the powers and authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross.**

C. A Complete Redemption

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV®)

³ His divine power has given us **everything we need** for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

III. Approaching the Cross

Matthew 27:39-43 (NIV®)

³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! **He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.**

⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

IV. Through the Cross

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV®)

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by **making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

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Prayer

Almighty God, I come to You in humility ---I need Your mercy. I cannot bring freedom and deliverance to myself. I lay aside my attempts and accept your provision for my life. Forgive me of my sin as I forgive those who sin against me. I choose to live that Jesus may be honored through my life, I receive Him as Lord of all that I am. I rejoice that in Christ I am free of guilt and shame. I am a child of the Living God. May Jesus name be praised, amen.

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