

## 17. Jesus is the Humble Messiah and Our Servant King

“He (Andrew) first found his own brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah.’” (John 1:41)

When the people of Israel were looking for coming of the Messiah, the heir to the throne of David, they expected Him to be a king. They were looking for king who would be great and set His people free from the domination of Rome. God had a different idea for what His king should be. Jesus was indeed the Son of David, and thus a king. He was also a servant and a foot washer. He reveled in His person how we are to love our neighbor, not by ruling over each other, but by humbly serving one another.

### Servant, King

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:5–8)

“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9–11)

### Foot Washer

“When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” (John 13:12–15)

### The Humble Son of David’s Coronation

“When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord needs them,” and he will send them at once.’ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ‘Say to the daughter of Zion, :Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” (Matthew 21:1–5)

### Humble and Gentle at Heart

“Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.’” (Matthew 11:28–30 NLT)

## Come Into His Presence with Singing

### Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne  
and Thy kingly crown,

When Thou camest to earth for me;

But in Bethlehem's home  
was there found no room

For Thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for Thee.

2. Heaven's arches rang  
when the angels sang,

Proclaiming Thy royal degree;

But of lowly birth

didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for Thee.

3. The foxes found rest,  
and the birds their nest

In the shade of the forest tree;

But Thy couch was the sod,

O Thou Son of God,

In the deserts of Galilee.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for Thee.

4. Thou camest, O Lord,  
with the living word

That should set Thy people free;

But with mocking scorn,

and with crown of thorn,

They bore Thee to Calvary.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for Thee.

5. When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,  
At Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee."  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,  
When Thou comest and callest for me.

My favorite rendition is by George Beverly Shea:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09dAIPTRiXU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBXpuLT1ilo>

## Give Thanks unto Him

Thank You for revealing the true Messiah to us.

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (Zechariah 9:9)

Thank You for Your servant heart.

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

Thank You for showing us how to be great in Your kingdom.

“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,” (Matthew 20:26)

## Bless His Name: Jesus the Multi-faceted Messiah

“Hosanna to the **Son of David**! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!; And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds said, ‘This is the **prophet Jesus**, from Nazareth of Galilee.’” (Matthew 21:1-11)

“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his **servant Jesus**, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.” (Acts 3:13)

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