

Behold the Everlasting King
Daniel 7:13-14
March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

MAIN THEME

Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus did not enter Jerusalem merely as a teacher or prophet. He came as the King foretold centuries earlier in the vision given to the prophet Daniel. While the kingdoms of the world rise and fall, Daniel was shown a ruler whose dominion would last forever. That ruler is Jesus Christ.

Daniel received this vision while living in exile under powerful pagan empires. His world looked unstable and hostile to God's people. Yet in the midst of that uncertainty, God lifted Daniel's eyes to heaven where the true King reigns. Daniel saw "one like a Son of Man" receiving authority, glory, and a kingdom from the Ancient of Days. Unlike earthly rulers whose power eventually fades, this King's dominion would never end.

Six hundred years later, Jesus entered Jerusalem and publicly presented himself as that promised King. Riding humbly on a donkey, he fulfilled ancient prophecy and revealed that God's plan of redemption was unfolding exactly as promised. Though many in the crowd celebrated him, they did not fully understand the nature of the kingdom he came to establish.

The people expected political liberation from Rome, but Jesus came to bring something far greater — liberation from sin. His kingdom would not be established through military conquest but through the sacrifice of the cross and the victory of the resurrection.

Palm Sunday therefore confronts every person with a decision. The everlasting King has come, and each of us must decide how we will respond to him. Jesus is not merely a figure



to admire or a teacher to appreciate. He is the rightful King who calls for worship, surrender, and wholehearted devotion.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. The Everlasting King Foretold by Daniel

Daniel 7:13–14; Psalm 2:6–8; Isaiah 9:6–7

- What does Daniel’s vision reveal about the nature of Christ’s kingdom?
- Why would this vision have brought hope to believers living under powerful empires?
- How does the phrase “Son of Man” help us understand Jesus’ identity?
- Why is it significant that this kingdom is described as everlasting?

2. The King Revealed on Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1–11; Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

- What expectations did the crowds likely have when Jesus entered Jerusalem?
- Why did Jesus choose to enter the city on a donkey rather than a war horse?
- How does Palm Sunday demonstrate both Christ’s humility and his authority?
- What does this moment reveal about God’s faithfulness to fulfill prophecy?

3. Receiving or Rejecting the King

Luke 9:23; Luke 19:10; John 1:12

- Why does Jesus leave no neutral ground when it comes to following him?
- What does it mean practically to “take up your cross daily”?
- What fears or sacrifices sometimes make following Christ difficult?
- How does remembering that Jesus came to “seek and save the lost” shape our response to him?

4. Living Under the King’s Authority

Matthew 6:33; Colossians 1:13–18; Revelation 7:9–10

- What does it look like to live under the rule of Christ in everyday life?
- How does belonging to Christ’s kingdom change our priorities and decisions?
- Where might God be calling you to greater surrender?
- How can remembering Christ’s eternal kingdom give us peace in an unstable world?



PRAY

Dear Lord, thank you for revealing your Son as the everlasting King whose kingdom will never pass away. Forgive us for the times we treat Jesus as only a teacher or example instead of the rightful ruler of our lives. Help us behold his glory and respond with humility, trust, and wholehearted devotion. Give us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him, even when it is costly. May our lives reflect the joy of belonging to his eternal kingdom, and may others come to know the saving grace of Christ through us. Amen.

DIG DEEPER

For further study this week:

- Matthew 21:1-11 — The triumphal entry of Jesus
- Zechariah 9:9 — The prophecy of the coming King
- Psalm 118:22-29 — The Messianic praise shouted on Palm Sunday
- Luke 9:23-26 — The cost of following Christ
- Revelation 11:15 — The eternal kingdom of Christ

NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Easter Sunday

Good News: This Changes Everything!

