

THE IDENTITY OF THE KING

MATTHEW 17:22-27

It is time for us to seek again the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
Man's lordship has cost us too much.

-AW Tozer

Additional Passage: Isaiah 53

I. The King as the Substitute

II. The King as the Son

Application:

1. Jesus repeatedly told his disciples of his upcoming death and resurrection. In this passage he makes it clear that he will die because of the intentional acts of his enemies. In Matthew 20:28 and John 10:17-18 he also makes it clear that he is dying as a willing sacrifice, not as a martyr. How does this inform our choices as imitators and followers of Christ's example? (Romans 12:1-2)

2. In his interaction with Peter over the payment of the temple tax, Christ once again demonstrates his humility by accepting restrictions placed on him that he did not have to abide by. (Philippians 2:5-11) Practically speaking once again, how do we model this Christlike humility as imitators of our savior? (Philippians 2:1-4, I Corinthians 8:4-13)

3. Intercessory prayer is prayer on behalf of another. Often our prayers are limited to those in our circle of friends and family? How should we pray for those we don't even know? (I Timothy 2:1, Ephesians 6:18) How can we pray for those facing persecution even death for their faith? (Matthew 10:39, Psalm 116:15, Psalm 145:18-19) Can we and should we pray for the persecutors as well as the persecuted? (Matthew 5:44, Proverbs 24:17)

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about how we are to treat people when they are unkind to us.