SO WHAT

- Why was Jesus confident and secure even when He was washing the disciples' feet?
- How do you think you would have reacted if Jesus washed your feet? How is His death on the cross greater than that?
- According to Hebrews 12:2, how did Jesus endure the pain, humiliation, and suffering of the cross?

NOW WHAT

- Now that you know what Jesus—the Son of God—did for you through His death, burial, and resurrection, how will you live? How can you express your worship and adoration to Him every day?
- Have you surrendered your life to Christ and turned away from sin? How can you live as a follower of Jesus every day?
- This week, to whom can you share the story of what Jesus did on the cross?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His great love for us and for sending His Son to die for us on the cross.
- Pray that your life will be devoted to God and His purpose. Commit to serve Him all the days of your life.
- Ask God for boldness and wisdom to share the gospel to friends and family this week. Pray that God will be with you in every gathering, reunion, and moment.

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WEEK 1

The Humble King

NOTES

CONNECT

- What was the most unexpected thing that happened to you recently?
- Do you like surprises? Why or why not? Recall a specific instance explaining this.
- Who is the most humble person you know? Why do you think he or she is so humble?

WORD

5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They
brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them,
and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks
on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread
them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those
that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed
is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the
highest!" MATTHEW 21:5-8

WHAT

The Israelites expected a Messiah, or a Savior, who would overthrow Rome and bring the people of God back to their days of glory. For us, we know Him as the Son of God who died for our sins through often we don't grasp who He really is. But Jesus, the Messiah and the Son of God, does not fit the mold of the king we have in mind. Jesus did not act like the king, even though He is the King of kings. In this lesson, we will look at how Jesus is the humble King.

1 He served like a slave.

3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he
had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal,
took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that,
he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying
them with the towel that was wrapped around him. JOHN 13:3-5

Jesus took the lowest position among His disciples when He washed their feet. He led by serving, and His ultimate act of service and sacrifice was His death on the cross. Aside from washing the disciples' feet, how else did Jesus serve others while He walked the earth?

2 He was condemned like the guilty.

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with
suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we
esteemed him not. 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he
was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the
punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we
are healed. ISAIAH 53:3-5 (READ ALSO MATTHEW 27:28-50.)

Jesus, our humble King, was despised and whipped, humiliated and beaten, scourged and whipped, pierced and crushed, and nailed to the cross. He was mocked—given a crown of thorns and a robe—as an insult to His claim as King. All of this was done to Him as though He were guilty, yet He is without sin. He is pure and holy, humble and kind, loving and faithful, gracious and merciful, and He died to give us life. He endured the humiliation, pain, and condemnation because of our sin, and for our sake. How has understanding what Jesus did for you on the cross changed you?

3 He died like a criminal.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ISAIAH 53:9

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for
our justification. ROMANS 4:25

Jesus' death was a public spectacle. He was crucified between two criminals,and He was accused even though He is innocent. Jesus' death was substitutionary—He took our place and paid the penalty for our sin. He took our shame and gave us His grace. He became the sacrifice for our salvation. How is Jesus' death and resurrection the ultimate victory for us?