

WORD

⁴³“But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” . . . **MARK 10:43-45**

Jesus is the promised King and Messiah. He is the Son of God, our Savior and Lord. He is the fulfillment of every Old Testament prophecy of God’s redemption plan for the world. However, Jesus didn’t come in grandeur and He wasn’t born in a palace. The King of kings and the Lord of lords came as a baby, was born in a manger, and chose to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. In this lesson, we will look more at who Jesus is—the King who served, sacrificed, and saves.

1 Jesus is the King who served.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. **ISAIAH 42:1**

Jesus came as a servant—He humbled Himself and gave of Himself for the sake of others. The Bible even says that He made Himself nothing and took on the form of a servant. Why is it so hard to connect the idea of a king to a servant? How did Jesus lead in a way that’s different from the way we are used to?

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2 Jesus is the King who sacrificed.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. **ISAIAH 53:4,5**

Jesus sacrificed Himself and became obedient on the cross—to save us from our sins. Because we can’t save ourselves and are in need of a Savior, Jesus came and fulfilled God’s promise. He died for us, on our behalf. This is why we celebrate Christmas. According to these verses, why was Jesus pierced and crushed? What is the result for us?

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3 Jesus is the King who saves.

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor . . . **ISAIAH 61:1,2**

Jesus came to save us and to do what we can’t do for ourselves. He saves us from sin, and Jesus declared the fulfillment of this prophecy in Luke 4:18-21. How did you come to understand and receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

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