



Mark 11:7-10 -- PALM SUNDAY

7When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" 10"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

We are more than what we put on...

Mark 15:12-14 -- GOOD FRIDAY

12"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

13"Crucify him!" they shouted.

14"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Mark 12:15b-17 -- "TAX DAY"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." 16They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. 17Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.

Colossians 1:15
The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**We are more than what we put on...
But what we put on reveals more than we know.**

**What have you picked up or put on
that Jesus' Crown requires you to lay down?**

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

:: How has God revealed his heart for you and for others in fresh ways during the Cross and Crown journey?

:: (Re)Read Mark 11:7-10, Mark 15:12-14, and Mark 12:15-17

:: What stands out to you the most from these three passages?

:: In each of these three moments, Jesus is aware of both his crown and his cross—how do you see the presence of both realities in each of these passages?

:: What do you think might be an invitation from God for you today through these passages?

:: Pastor Jeremiah talked about two “crowns” in contrast with each other—the Kingdom of Jesus and human kingdoms:

:: What were some of the differences he shared that stuck out to you?

:: What are other differences between how power/authority and people are seen under these two crowns?

:: What are ways to live more in the way of Jesus and his Kingdom than in pursuit of another?

:: What did you identify as something you have picked up/put on that needs to instead be laid down? Who can you share this with and invite to prayerfully journey with as you do so?

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