



JESUS

THE TRUE KING

The Suffering King
2 Chronicles 36, Philippians 2, Isaiah 53

Zedekiah: An Appointed King

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months and ten days. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD. In the spring, King **Nebuchadnezzar** sent for him and brought him to Babylon, together with articles of value from the temple of the LORD, and he made Jehoiachin's uncle, **Zedekiah**, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

- 2 Chronicles 36: 9-10



Jesus: The One True King

“Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

- Philippians 2: 5-7



Zedekiah: An Arrogant King

He did evil in the eyes of the LORD his God and **did not humble himself before Jeremiah** the prophet, who spoke the word of the LORD. **He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar**, who had made him take an oath in God's name. He became stiff-necked and **hardened his heart and would not turn to the LORD**, the God of Israel.

- 2 Chronicles 36: 12-13



Jesus: The Humble King

He had **no beauty or majesty** to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire
him.

He was **despised** and **rejected** by mankind,
a man of **suffering**, and **familiar with pain**.

Like one from whom **people hide their faces**
he was **despised**, and we held him in low esteem.
Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet **we considered him punished by God**,
stricken by him, and **afflicted**.

- Isaiah 53: 2-4



Zedekiah: A King Suffering for Pride

I gave the same message to Zedekiah king of Judah. I said, “Bow your neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon; serve him and his people, and you will live. **Why will you and your people die by the sword, famine and plague** with which the LORD has threatened any nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? Do not listen to the words of the prophets who say to you, ‘You will not serve the king of Babylon,’ for they are prophesying lies to you.

- Jeremiah 27: 12-15



Jesus: A King Suffering for Salvation

But he was pierced for **our transgressions**,
he was crushed for **our iniquities**;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds **we are healed**.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

- Isaiah 53: 5-6



Jesus: The Suffering King is Exalted

And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death**, even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...

- Philippians 2:8-10



Jesus: Calls You To Humility

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “**God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.**” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time **he may exalt you**, casting all your anxieties on him, because **he cares for you.**

- 1 Peter 5:5-7

