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God Is Still Our Father – He Is In Control

1. What does Matthew add to the telling of the story in Matthew 21:4-5? Why should knowing that Zechariah prophesied the events of Palm Sunday (400 years before they happened) be of comfort to us?

2. Have you ever made use of fulfilled prophecy in sharing your faith? Who else used prophecy in the Bible for witnessing purposes?

a. Luke 24:25-27

b. Acts 3:17-26

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3. What other specific aspects of Jesus' life were foretold by the prophets?

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4. We've just looked at a small sampling of the Bible's prophecies! Why did God put prophecy in the Bible? How does knowing prophecy help in a time of suffering and crisis? Read Isaiah 48:4-5.

Jesus Is Still Our King – He Is On The Throne

5. Read Luke 19:37-40. We're not used to the idea of having a "king". But Jesus is very much our King. He is the King of kings (Rev.19:16). And when he returns again, he will be the king over this earth. Meditate on that word "King" for a minute. What thoughts and feelings come into your mind and heart?

6. In addition to biblical prophecy, another feature of Christianity that should be an anchor to your soul when the storms of life come is the “supremacy of Christ”. In the teaching we identified six aspects of Jesus’ life that set him apart from everyone else who has ever lived. Discuss why each of these is important.

His Words. Read Matthew 24:35

His Weight. Read Luke 5:20-21; 6:5; 11:31

His Wisdom. Read Mark 12:13-17.

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God is dead.

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Judeo-Christian Religion:

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