



For Christians, What Kind of King Was Jesus?

Key Learning:

- For Christians today, across the world, being a member of the community of the Kingdom of God is both a precious gift and a challenge: living out the values of the Kingdom of God is the key challenge of being a disciple of Jesus, loving God and loving our neighbor.
- For Christians, the Kingdom of God is where God rules in human hearts and minds, lives and communities.
- The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so.
- Jesus' key teaching in the first three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) is that he is beginning a kingdom where God's rule of love, forgiveness and inclusion will grow.

Key Questions:

- How do the Bible texts explain the 'Kingdom of God'?
- Do all Christians think of the 'Kingdom of God' in the same way?
- If Christians believe in a 'Kingdom of God', how is this demonstrated in their behaviour?
- Why is it important that Christians have the 'Kingdom of God' to aspire to?
- Which famous people show service in others in today's world? What can other people learn from their behaviour?

KEY VOCABULARY	MEANING
Equality	The state of being equal
Injustice	Lack of fairness
Kingdom	An organised community led by a king
Parable	Simple story told by Jesus that can be found in the four gospels
Poverty	The state of being extremely poor
Service	The action of helping or doing work for someone
Worship	To show love and adoration to something
The Four Gospels	The books in the new testament written by four of Jesus' disciples - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Reflection	Serious thought or consideration, usually about yourself or something you have done
Lord's Prayer	Prayer taught by Jesus to his followers

