

## 2 – KEEPING THE COMPANY OF A KING

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### WHY JESUS SHOULD'VE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS KING:

1. HIS ARRIVAL WAS PROPHESIED.
2. HE FULFILLED PROPHECY.
3. HE AMAZED WITH HIS TEACHING.
4. HE PERFORMED MIRACLES.
5. HE HEALED THE SICK.
6. HE CAST OUT DEMONS.
7. HE RAISED THE DEAD.

### Many Missed The King Because Of The \_\_\_\_\_ He Kept.

Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him. <sup>14</sup> As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. <sup>15</sup> Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) <sup>16</sup> But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" **Mark 2:13-16 (NLT)**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." **Luke 19:1-7 (NIV)**

When John came, he dressed in the clothes of a prophet, and he did not eat and drink like others but lived on honey and wild locusts. And people wondered if he was crazy, if he had been possessed by a demon. <sup>19</sup> Then the Son of Man appeared—He didn't fast, as John had, but ate with sinners and drank wine. And the people said, "This man is a glutton! He's a drunk! And He hangs around with tax collectors and sinners, to boot." Well, Wisdom will be vindicated by her actions—not by your opinions. **Matthew 11:18-19 (VOICE)**

### I CAN SEE THE KINGDOM COME WHEN...

1.1 \_\_\_\_\_ THAT JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth. No person can see God's kingdom if he is not born again.' **John 3:3 (WE)**

2.1 \_\_\_\_\_ MY VIEW OF \_\_\_\_\_.

When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." **Mark 2:17 (NKJV)**

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." **Luke 19:8-10 (NIV)**

3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ SIN... STARTING WITH \_\_\_\_\_.

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged... <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. **Matthew 7:1, 5 (NIV)**

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins. **James 5:19-20 (NIV)**

4.1 \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE KING'S \_\_\_\_\_.

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. **Luke 19:41-42 (NIV)**

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

**Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)**

5.1 \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_.

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. **John 3:16 (NCV)**

This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for others! <sup>17</sup> If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? <sup>18</sup> My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action. **1 John 3:16-18 (GNT)**

Jesus didn't come because He had nothing better to do, but because \_\_\_\_\_