

## Easter: April 3, 2024 Worship Summary | Prayer Guide and Prompts:

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1. Reflect on the nature of Jesus as the unexpected king:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas in your life where you may have preconceived notions about who Jesus is and what He should do for you.
- Ask God to help you embrace Jesus as the Prince of Peace, rather than a king who meets worldly expectations.

2. Examine your expectations of God:

- Confess to God the times you have been disappointed with Him because He did not act according to your desires or expectations.
- Pray for the grace to trust in God's plan, especially when it is different from your own, and for the faith to believe that His ways are higher than your ways.

3. Cultivate humility in your faith walk:

- Ask God to show you if pride is blinding you to His truth and to help you approach your faith with a humble and teachable spirit.
- Pray for wisdom to understand Scripture correctly and to apply it in a way that honors God and promotes justice and love.

4. Practice gratitude to transform your perspective:

- Spend a few moments thanking God for specific ways He has worked in your life, even in unexpected or challenging circumstances.
- Pray for a heart that is quick to give thanks and slow to complain, recognizing God's goodness in all situations.

5. Worship Jesus as the king He truly is:

- Pray for the ability to let go of your preconceived notions of Jesus and to worship Him for who He truly is, not who you want Him to be.
- Ask God to help you align your will with His and to serve Him as your king in every area of your life.

6. Embrace Jesus' forgiveness and align with His will:

- Reflect on Jesus' words, "Father, forgive them," and ask for His forgiveness for the times you have failed to understand or align with His plan.
- Pray for the strength to forgive others as Jesus forgives you, and for the humility to seek forgiveness when you are in the wrong.

7. Seek God's guidance in living out these truths:

- Pray for opportunities to demonstrate the humility and gratitude you've discussed, especially in your interactions with others.
- Ask God to help you recognize and celebrate His kingship in your daily life, and to be an example of His love and grace to those around you.

Remember, these prompts are not exhaustive but are meant to guide you into deeper reflection and prayer based on the themes of the sermon. May your time in prayer be fruitful and transformative as you seek to grow in your understanding and relationship with Jesus, our unexpected king.