Responding to the King Luke 19:26-48

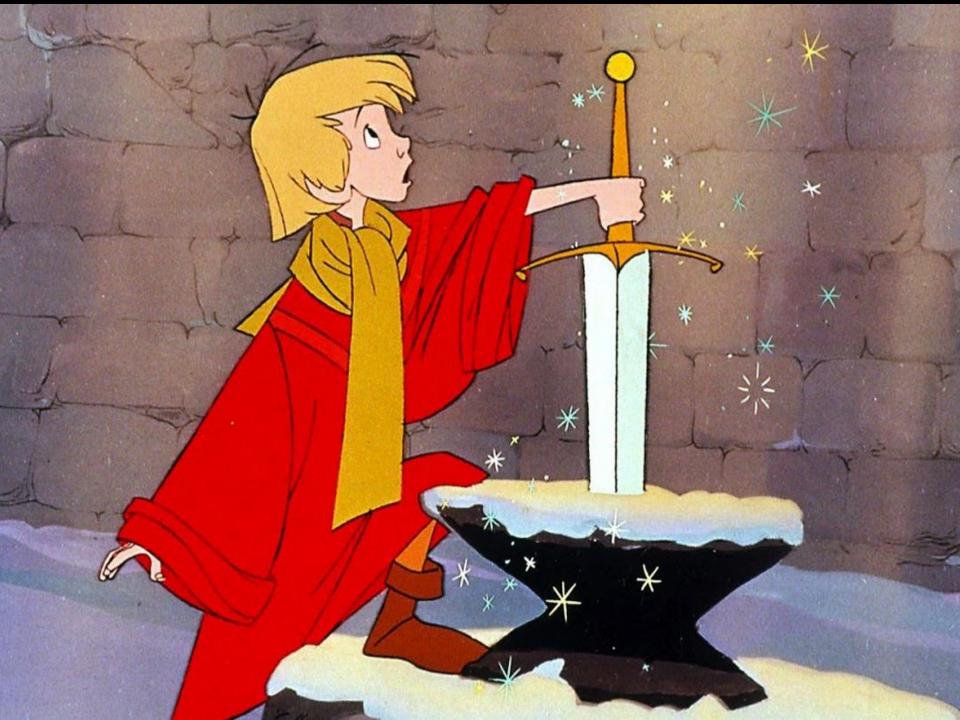
1. Jesus approaches Jerusalem as a great and promised King. 19:28-40



Jesus is in control of how events unfold. Jesus is not a victim of circumstances. 19:28-34

The disciples and the crowds view Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem as the fulfillment of Old **Testament prophecy** about the Messiah. 19:35-38

Jesus confirms that their response to him is the correct one. 19:39-40



Am I ready to proclaim that Jesus is my Savior and King?

2. Jesus grieves as he approaches Jerusalem because he knows people will not recognize or accept him and will suffer the consequences. 19:41-44



Jesus feels intense grief for the people in Jerusalem because they cannot see or accept what will bring them peace. 19:41-42, 44b **Because the people** will not embrace Jesus as King, they will be destroyed. 19:43-44a

Jesus wants me to have life with him now and forever. Am I ready to accept what Jesus offers?

3. Jesus clears the Temple because official Judaism kept people from God instead of allowing them to know and respond appropriately to God. 19:45-48

The profitable moneychanging system in the **Temple made it difficult** for people to approach and worship God.

Jesus demonstrates that all people are to have access to God without hindrance.

How can I be saved from the eternal consequences of my sin and spend eternity with God in Heaven?

Mormonism: believe in God and Jesus, do good, repent of sins and attain forgiveness through the **Atonement of Christ, be** baptized, participate in other Mormon ordinances, spread the Mormon faith.

Jehovah's Witnesses: eternal life comes from "learning about Jehovah and obeying his requirements," proving oneself to be God's loyal subject, and listening to the Kingdom message and acting on it.

Roman Catholicism: Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus **Christ. Access to God's grace is** achieved by those who trust that they receive grace through the seven sacraments: Baptism, **Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance,** Anointing the Sick, Holy Orders, Matrimony

Protestant Christian tradition: Salvation comes by scripture alone over tradition, through faith alone over works, by grace alone over merit, in Christ alone over priests and rituals.

Does my life and worship draw people into the presence of God or keep them from entering God's presence?

I invite you to trust in Christ alone and be saved through faith alone by grace alone.

I invite you to publicly proclaim that Jesus is your King. Identify yourself with him through baptism and through your willing participation in the church for God's glory and purposes.