

"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey." (Matt. 21:5; Zech. 9:9)

Why do we reject the King?

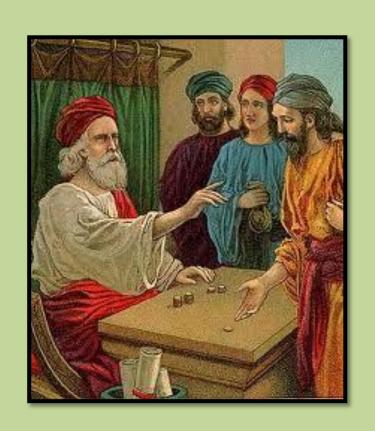
God's standards of measurement are not like mine

 "All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits. Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established." (Prov. 16:2-3)



God holds us responsible and accountable

 "Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours." (Matthew 25:24-25)

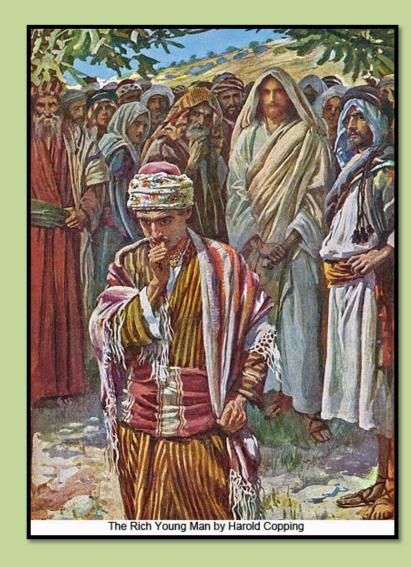


Ignorance

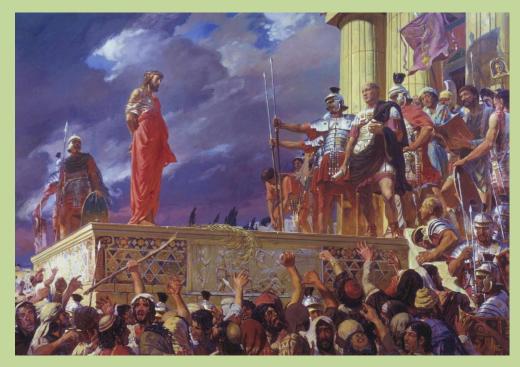
- Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. (John 7:40-44)
- And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." (Matt. 21:10-11)

It may entail suffering

- "If anyone comes to Me and does not <u>hate</u> his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not <u>bear his cross</u> and come after Me cannot be My disciple." (Luke 14:26-27)
- "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." (Luke 14:33)



It may require us to change



- "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition." (Mark 7:9)
- "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23)

Summary

- Why do we often reject the King?
 - God's standards of measurement are not like mine
 - He holds us responsible and accountable
 - Ignorance
 - It may entail suffering
 - It may require us to change