

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

VBS 2024 – A WEEK WITH JESUS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Theme Verse: Jesus said to Him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6					
Daily Theme	Jesus came to be my King.	Jesus came to serve me.	Jesus came to make me a way to the Father.	Jesus came to save me.	Jesus sends me into the world.
Bible Text	John 12:12-19 The Triumphal Entry	John 13:1-20 Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet	John 14:1-7 (11:25,15:1, 10:7.10:11, 6:35, 8:12) Jesus is I AM	John 19:16b-42; 20:1-18 Jesus Dies and Rises from Death	John 21:4-17 A Miraculous Catch of Fish, and Jesus Sends Peter
Take-Home Point	Jesus, my King comes for me.	Jesus came to serve me.	Jesus is the way to the Father.	Jesus came to save me.	Jesus sends and goes with me.
Memory Verse	“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” John 12:13	“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28	“Jesus said to Him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6	“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” 1 Corinthians 15:26	“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20
Teaching Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the beginning of the week, Jesus is on the last part of the journey that leads to His death. (Teachers will want to unpack His journey, notably coming from Bethany, where He raised Lazarus. Jesus, the king, comes into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people welcome Jesus as their king, and also a prophet. Watch through the week for the kind of king Jesus is. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the Thursday of Holy Week. Jesus has gathered His disciples in a room to celebrate the Passover, a special meal the Jews celebrated every year. Jesus acts like a servant, washing and drying His disciples’ feet. Jesus tells Peter that unless He washes Peter, he will not be clean. He explains to the disciples that just as He has served them by washing their feet, they should also serve others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is still in the room where he has celebrated the Passover with His disciples. The disciples don’t yet understand that Jesus is going to die and rise again. Jesus teaches His disciples that He is the only way to heaven, and that He is going to go before them to prepare a place for them. Jesus not only prepares the place, but He is the one who brings us there. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers can verbally tell about Jesus’ trial, and pick up the Bible reading at verse 16. Teachers may choose to pick up the Resurrection account during the application period. Jesus is the Saviour sent by God for us. Jesus never sinned, but He died for the sins of the whole world. Jesus is stronger than death, though, and rises on the third day. The grave is empty, and He shows Himself to Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus, risen from the dead, meets His disciples in Galilee. The disciples had gone back to fishing, but didn’t catch anything. Jesus provides a miraculous catch of fish and feeds them breakfast. Jesus sends Peter to feed His sheep.

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Application Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Because we can't come to Him, Jesus, our king, gives up His heavenly kingdom and comes to us so that He can bring us into His kingdom.• Why is Jesus coming in to Jerusalem? He is coming to defeat our enemies sin, death and the devil.• Why does Jesus come in to Jerusalem on a donkey? How would you come in if you were a king?• The people treat Jesus as a king, but He is not the kind of king they want. What kind of king do we want? What kind of king do we need?• How is Jesus still our king?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus washed His disciples' feet. Who would you do this for? (Remember the footwear that people wore and how they travelled then as opposed to now).• Jesus humbles Himself – kings don't wash other peoples' feet, but Jesus does.• Jesus' washing is not just physical – it is spiritual. Washing on the outside makes our bodies clean, but we need to be washed on the inside too, because of our sin.• Jesus is the only one who can wash us clean on the inside – He is true God, who lived and died and rose again for us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus is I AM – He is true God and does everything He needs to do to bring us into heaven with Him. Unpack the I Am statements – they cover every aspect of the life He gives.• Bread of Life (John 6:35)• Light of the World (John 8:12)• Door (John 10:9)• Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14)• Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)• Way, truth, life (John 14:5)• Vine (John 15:1,5)• What separates us from the Father – why do we need Jesus?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By His dying, Jesus defeats our enemies sin and the devil.• By His rising, Jesus defeats our last enemy, death.• We will die one day too, but because Jesus rose, we will rise again too to live with Him forever.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus is risen from the dead, but the work is not done yet.• He sends His disciples – and us – into a new life of telling others about His love for them.• As we are sent, we know that Jesus goes with us. He sends and equips us to do what He has asked.
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