

Unexpected King

John 18:33–40

- Jesus is an unexpected **KING** (vv 33–35)
- Jesus has an unexpected **KINGDOM** (v 36)
- Jesus has an unexpected **PURPOSE** (v 37)
- Jesus was the unexpected **SACRIFICE** (vv 38–40)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are some qualities or characteristics that you look for in a president?
2. What are some of the qualities that the Jews would have been expecting in the coming Messiah? Jeremiah 23:5-6, Isaiah 9:6-7, Deuteronomy 17:14-19
3. How does Jesus break the mold of kingly expectations for both the Jews and the Roman officials?
4. In what ways does the Kingdom of Heaven resemble a “typical” kingdom? In what ways does it differ? Think about the nature of the kingdom as well as how it handles commonplace kingdom activities such as economy, warfare, etc. Matthew 13:31-33, Luke, 17:20-21
5. What does it mean to be “of the truth” in John 18:37? Can we know if we are of the truth or not? John 10:27, Romans 10:9, 1 John 5:13
6. What are some areas of your life where you can commit to submitting to the truth more fully? John 17:17, John 14:6
7. Read John 18:38-40. How does it impact your life to see that Barabbas (a robber) was set free, and Jesus (sinless) was condemned? How can this event shape how we see ourselves, others, and Jesus?

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