

GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID

**Matthew 8:5-13; 9:27-31; 12:22-32; 15:21-28; 20:29-34;
21:1-11, 14-17; 22:41-46; 2 Timothy 2:8; Revelation 22:16**

Memory Verse: *Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel (2 Tim. 2:8 ESV).*

Background Helps:

This week the emphasis is on Jesus as the Son of David, in other words, the one who fulfills God's covenant promise to David and his seed. This idea is especially prominent in the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus is called the "Son of David" nine times. Notice the following:

- Matthew, the author, introduces Jesus as the "son of David" (1:1).
- He is called "the Son of David" by two blind men, whom Jesus heals (9:27-31); by the crowds, after witnessing one of his miracles (12:22-23); by the Gentile Canaanite woman before he exorcises the demon from her daughter (15:21-28); and by two more blind men before he heals them (20:29-34). All these examples are associated with one of Christ's miracles, which indicated the arrival of the kingdom of God (12:28).
- On Palm Sunday the Lord deliberately presents himself to the Jewish nation as their King in fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy (Matt. 21:1-7; cf. Zech. 9:9), and the crowds and the children hail him as "the Son of David" (Matt. 21:9, 15).
- During Holy Week, in his controversy with the Pharisees, Jesus strongly implies that he is the Christ, the Son of David, and the "Lord" of Psalm 110:1 who sits at the right hand of Yahweh (Matt. 22:41-46).

This identification of Jesus as the Son of David is summed up as part of the gospel by the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2:8, our memory verse. The apostle John in his heavenly vision also refers to Jesus as "the root and offspring of David" (Rev. 22:16).

Lesson Helps:

Once again, you have options: (1) broadly survey a series of stories in the Gospel of Matthew, showing that Jesus is identified repeatedly as the promised "Son of David." Climax your lesson with a look at Matthew 22:41-46. See if your class can answer the question of Jesus in Matthew 22:45. Challenge them to make Jesus their own Lord and King; or (2) focus on one of the stories. For example, in children's classes you could focus on Palm Sunday where the children excitedly hail Jesus as the Son of David (Matt. 21:1-11, 14-17). Or focus on the story in Matthew 15:21-28 to show that the "Son of David" is king of the Gentiles as well as the Jews. Whatever path you choose, be sure to challenge your students to make Jesus their own King. Include the memory verse.

Home Assignment:

 Read Luke 22; Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26.

 Memorize Luke 22:19b, 20b ESV.