

I. King Jesus came determined to die for us

A. Jesus came willingly

“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.” (John 10:17-18)

B. Jesus was in complete control

“Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?” (Matthew 26:53)

II. King Jesus allowed a public demonstration

A. The crowd welcomed Jesus as their king

B. The crowd welcomed Jesus as the Messiah

III. King Jesus openly claimed to be the Messiah

A. Jesus fulfilled the ancient prophecy

“Rejoice greatly, o daughter of Zion! Shout daughter of Jerusalem! See your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (Zechariah 9:9)

B. Jesus boldly claimed to be the King

C. Jesus came to bring salvation