

1. What's an expectation you've had recently that turned out differently than you imagined? How did that affect your reaction?
2. When you hear the word "**king**," what images, qualities, or emotions come to mind? How might those ideas influence the way we think about Jesus?
3. Growing up, what expectations (positive or negative) did you have about **Jesus or church**? In what ways have those expectations changed over time?
4. In the passage, Jesus reads about His mission: **good news to the poor, freedom for captives, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed**. Which part of His mission stands out to you most and why?
5. The people in Jesus' hometown initially admired Him, but became angry when He challenged their assumptions. **Why do you think His message offended them so deeply?**
6. Where do you see yourself in this passage right now: Someone open to God doing something new? Someone who struggles when Jesus challenges your comfort or expectations?
7. Is there an area of your life where **Jesus might be confronting your expectations**: your plans, comfort, opinions, or assumptions about Him?
8. If Jesus truly is this **humble King who welcomes outsiders and lifts the lowly**, how might our group or church reflect His kingdom in the way we treat people this week?

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Current Series



# UNEXPECTED KING

# WELCOME

March 15, 2026



## WORSHIP ORDER

- THE JOY
- WELCOME
- GREETING
- GREAT THINGS
- DEATH ARRESTED
- OFFERING
- JESUS PAID IT ALL
- COMMUNION
- JESUS PAID IT ALL - REPRISE
- MESSAGE
- I NEED YOU
- SEND OFF AND PRAYER

 **NORTHAMPTON**  
BIBLE CHURCH

Love God | Love People | Make Disciples

# UPCOMING

## SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

In the Café at 8:30

Plan to come! If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marcia Peters at [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org) if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org); if you don't email, [nbchurchcf.org/prayer](mailto:nbchurchcf.org/prayer).

## CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CM is in need of *individually-wrapped bags of Easter candy*. See Kellie Sturm with any questions.

## SOUND & TECH TEAM

**Help is needed to build our team** - running lyric slides, supporting the worship team on the sound board, or working with cameras and lighting. We will train you. If interested, please reach out to Dawn Souza in person or by email at [dsouza@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:dsouza@nbchurchcf.org).

## VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

**TODAY after the morning service!**

If you would like to help with VBS this year, plan to stay for this brief meeting.

## DISCOVER NORTH

**March 22;** after the morning service.

Want to know what Northampton is all about? Join us for Discover North and meet pastors, leaders, hear the vision and find your next step. **Sign up in the Church Center App.**

## STUDENT MINISTRY PARENTS MEETING

Parents of students in Grades 5–12 are invited to join us **Sunday, March 29** after the morning service. Lunch will be provided for parents and students.

Info: [jsouza@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:jsouza@nbchurchcf.org)

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**6:00pm** - Mark your calendars to join us for an immersive encounter.

## EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**9:30am – Seats Are limited.**

Please **register in the Church Center App** to reserve a seat.

## BAPTISM / PARTNERSHIP

**11:00am - Easter Sunday**

If you are interested in Baptism and/or Partnership at Northampton, **please fill out the form in the Church Center App.**

# MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Jim Souza

## JESUS IS NOT THE KING THAT WAS EXPECTED – HE IS THE KING THAT IS NEEDED.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30

## Luke 4

### Jesus is the Humble King Who:

Depends on the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 14-15)

**God's power flows through dependence.**

Identifies with the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 16-19)

**Jesus moves toward the people the world moves past.**

Confronts \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 21-24)

**Pride rejects the king it cannot control.**

Opens the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 25-30)

**Grace crosses every boundary that pride tries to build.**

**“Jesus, shape us as we give up trying to reshape You.”**



Check out classes and next steps: [www.nbchurchcf.org/nextsteps/](http://www.nbchurchcf.org/nextsteps/)



Next week: **Unexpected King**

*The King Who Welcomes Sinners | Luke 7*