

# MEET THE KING!

with Matthew

'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased (Mat. 3:17)'



Handouts to help you read & understand –  
for personal Bible study, reading the Bible with a friend or with a group

## 5<sup>th</sup> Session      THEME: The King's songs

### 1. Start with prayer. Then look at this icebreaker question.      10 minutes to get started

Have you experienced that singing or listening to songs helped when you were in distress? Has there recently been a song through which you were encouraged? Take some time to share, also when you didn't experience help through singing or listening to songs.

*Introduction to the passage.*

Psalms 113-118 were sung during the Passover celebration. The meal was closed with singing Psalms 116-118. People didn't need hymnbooks or beamers for that, as they had learned these songs from an early age. The songs were practiced in the synagogues and sung in daily life. These songs were also sung while they were traveling to and arriving at Jerusalem. And when they would bring the Passover lamb into the temple to be slaughtered, the choirs of the priests – professional singers and musicians - would again sing these songs, together with the people.

### 2. Read Matthew 26:30 and Psalm 118      30 minutes to understand the passage

#### Look again at Matthew 26:30

- Think of the disciples. Jesus had announced several times that he would die soon. Do you think they were strengthened when they had sung Psalm 118? Why/why not?
- They went out. Read Exodus 12:22: during the Passover night you were not allowed to go out. Why not? What would you think did it mean that Jesus and his disciples would now go out?

#### Look again at Psalm 118

Look again at verses 1-4 and at verse 29.      *A call to worship*

- What is the purpose of this Psalm and why is that the purpose?

Look again at verses 5-14.      *The king's confidence and conquest*

- What is the confidence of this singer?
- Did the singer conquer or was he defeated?
- Though every believer may sing these words, to whom would the words first and foremost belong? (You may look at Psalm 18:49-50 for an answer)

Look again at verses 15-21.      *The comeback of the king*

- Here we read of the results of the battle of the singer and of his comeback. What may these verses have meant for Jesus – as they sang these verses after the Passover meal?

Look again at verses 22-29.      *The consequences for the king's people*

- In these verses you see that the king's people respond in several ways to what he has done. How?

### 3. Apply and end with prayer.      15 minutes to make it personal and to pray

Read Matthew 26:30 again. And look again at Psalm 118, thinking of what the Psalm meant to Jesus and means to us. How/wherein does the Psalm encourage you in your current situation? Share and end with prayer.

### 4. Digging deeper.

The Exodus of Israel out of the distress of Egypt modelled how God would later on save again. King David was experienced as a sort of a new Moses, who brought a new Exodus out of the distress that Israel experienced when they were surrounded by enemies. The great Exodus was expected with the Son of David and has begun with Jesus Christ. (See for instance Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7, 11:1-10, 12, 42-44, 53-55 etcetera)