

THE RABBI

HOW JESUS TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

How to Use This Resource

Thank you for purchasing *The Rabbi!* We hope that you find this resource helpful and valuable to your ministry. As with most Simply Youth Ministry published resources, the DVD and files on the CD-ROM can be reproduced as necessary for use within your church. Below you'll find a few suggestions on how to use this resource, as well as what's included on this CD-ROM.

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

The Rabbi can be used in a variety of different settings:

Small Groups

This resource thrives on the discussion component. Show the video to your students and follow up with some of the discussion questions to get your students talking and forming relationships that could last a lifetime.

Sunday School

Allow your students to learn from one another as they share their thoughts and insights to the lessons on the DVD.

Worship Service

Use the lessons on the DVD to support the point that you're trying to make in your message. With this model, the discussion questions can be used by the leader to get student feedback or can be presented to the students to discuss with one another during the worship service.

INCLUDED ON THE CD-ROM

Backgrounds

In this folder you'll find six background images that you can use to promote the curriculum throughout your ministry. Whether you want to place your information over the images as an announcement slide or would like to use the files as a background for an informational brochure, these images are there to use at your discretion.

Discussion Guides

In this folder you'll find the discussion questions for each lesson in both .doc and .pdf formats. If you'd like to use the questions as is, we recommend printing off the .pdf file of the lesson to give to your leaders and/or students. The .pdf file is not editable; however, it does include the images and graphics that go along with the curriculum. If you would like to make changes to the questions, feel free to do so in the .doc format. Either way, make sure to produce enough copies of the material for your leaders and your students.

Extras

Here you'll find print-ready postcards that we've included for use at your discretion. Also included here is a video introduction to the series from Johnny Scott that you can make available to your students. It's also available on the DVD, but in case you want to give your students a head start, we've made it available in this format.

Promotional Items

Getting the word out about what's happening in your ministry is vital! We've added a folder of useful tools to help you do just that.

Desktop Image

Add this image as your computer desktop image to help get you geared up for changes you'll see in your students as a result of going through this curriculum.

E-Card

Attach this file in an email to your students to let them know what's coming next in their small groups.

Postcards

All of our postcards come print-ready. We've provided you a few different formats of the postcard to help make the printing as easy as possible. We've also included an editable version of the postcard, where you can customize your information before you print. They're designed so that you can print them on your own, or you can take them to a local copy house and have them professionally done.

Poster

Place these posters around your youth room, church office, volunteer homes—wherever you can to get the word out about this curriculum.

If you have any questions, please give us a call. We'd love to help you maximize the impact of this curriculum in your ministry.

Thanks for loving students!

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A New Kind of King

Group Discussion Questions

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29

1. As Johnny said in the video, the people who sat on that hill and listened to Jesus had very specific reasons for being there. If you had been part of that crowd, why would you have been there to hear Jesus speak?
2. We're talking today about how Jesus was a new kind of king—he wasn't what people expected. Imagine being an actual king or queen—what would you expect your life to be like?
3. We live nearly two millennia after Jesus walked the face of this earth, yet people still struggle with the idea that he wasn't just a man—that he was God incarnate, the promised Messiah. Why is this a difficult truth for many people to accept and believe?
4. If I asked students at your school to share their thoughts about Jesus, what kinds of things would they say?
5. Read Matthew 7:24-29—the passage that serves as the conclusion of Jesus' sermon. Why would he conclude his message with this kind of visual imagery? Why not just say, "Thanks for listening; now go and obey what I just taught"?
6. What kinds of rains and floods and winds have you faced in your life? How have these experiences tested your faith in Jesus?

7. Which is worse: never hearing the truths of Jesus or hearing the truths of Jesus but not obeying them? Why?
8. Does obedience open the door to wisdom, does wisdom open the door to obedience, or are both statements true? Explain your perspective.
9. Do verses 28-29 reveal more about the religious leaders' ineffective teaching or the people's hunger for spiritual truth? Why?

Personal Challenge

Jesus introduced himself as a king the world had never seen before, sharing truths that shook the world. When you build your life on the foundation of Jesus, you will experience stability and strength. Either today or tomorrow, find a small rock to keep in your pocket. Throughout the week, each time you touch or see this rock, pray for God's help in building a Christ-like life on a Jesus-centered foundation. Pray that God would provide comfort and security when you experience life's rains, floods, and winds.