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**B. Jesus has made it obvious for us to recognize Him as more than just King:**

1. It was not until the resurrected Lord stood before Tomas with nailed scarred hands that Tomas said, **“My Lord and My God.”**
2. Do you recognize Jesus as your Lord and your God?

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1. The disciples rejoiced in full Messianic praise of Jesus.
2. Christ is not expecting anything less from us who follow Him.

#### **II. What did the Messiah expect from the people in His city? (Three more principles of being ready)**

**A. Jesus expected to find prayer to rise up from a Holy temple:**

**Matthew 21:12-13** <sup>12</sup> *And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a robbers’ den.”*

1. Every believer has become of living temple of the Holy Spirit for purpose of prayer. -**1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

**B. Jesus expected people to come to Him so as to be healed.**

**Matthew 21:14** *“And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.”*

1. Are you coming to Jesus to be healed physically?
2. Are we coming to Jesus to be healed spiritually?

**C. Jesus expected to receive worship from those prepared by God.**

**Matthew 21:15-17** <sup>15</sup> *But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant<sup>16</sup> and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself’?” <sup>17</sup> And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.”*

1. The prepared show up in the temple.
2. The prepared lift up the name and fame of Jesus Christ.
3. The prepared are not hindered by protest of others.
4. The prepared bring blessing to the heart of Jesus.

**D. Application:** Every believer is being prepared by God of lift up the name and fame of Jesus Christ. -**Ephesians 1:11–12**

1. God promised to finish the work that He started in our life. -**Philippians 1:6**

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