

Three Young Kings: Joash

Middle Years

1. Read 2nd Chronicles 24:1-16 and circle the correct option in these sentences. Options are in italics.

Joash was crowned king of Judah when he was only 7 years old. His uncle, Jehoiada was a godly man who advised the young king and under his guidance Joash did what was *right / wrong* in the eyes of the Lord.

During his reign Joash decided to *relocate / restore* the temple. He asked the priests and Levites to collect the money needed *and they eagerly obeyed / but they were slow to obey*. So Joash had a chest placed outside the temple for the collection of contributions and the people and officials *reluctantly / gladly* brought their offerings and placed them in the chest. Lots of money was collected and Joash was able to completely restore the temple and *have extra articles that were needed made / have a big party*.

Endings

2. Read 2nd Chronicles 24:17-27

3. After Jehoiada died who did Joash listen to? See verse 17

4. What changes occurred as a result? Verse 18

5. Verses 19-22 tell us that God tried to warn the people & draw them back, but did they listen?

6. The prophet Zechariah was stoned after he spoke God's word to the people. Who ordered his execution according to verse 21?

7. Look at verses 23-25 a) How did Joash's life end and where was he buried?

b) Look back at verse 16. How does this contrast with his uncle and why do you think this happened?

8. What can we learn from the ups and downs of Joash's life?

*Read through 2 Chronicles 24 again. Is there something in this chapter that feel you can apply to your own life that you'd like to share with your teacher? Or maybe there is something new you learnt?

*Joash had lived a life pleasing to God whilst his uncle was alive but the changes described in verse 18 make it clear that he rejected the Lord once Jehoiada died. Our faith needs to be personal. We need to make our own choice to accept Jesus as our saviour and not just go along with our parents, friends or church. Have you made your own decision to follow Christ?

*We do need godly people such as pastors, teachers and mentors to advise us & to help us maintain and grow in our faith but we need to be careful not to put them before God in our lives.

*Joash's choices and actions affected his whole kingdom. Our choices and actions also have an impact, they affect the lives of those around us. Proverbs 3:5-7 can help us avoid bad advice. Write it out.