

QA: Why Are People Grieving at Queen Elizabeth II's Passing? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: The Queen of England, Elizabeth II, died September 8, 2022. Why is there such an outpouring of grief for her?

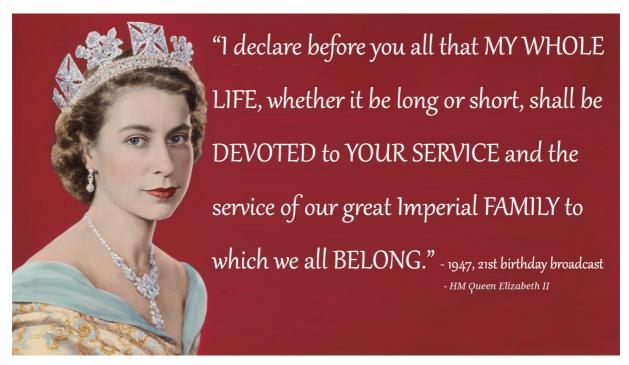
ANSWER: For several reasonable characteristics:

1. Longevity: She is the longest-reigning Monarch in England's history, and at age 96, she was on the throne 70 years! Most people on Earth have only known her as the Queen. Jesus Christ has been on the throne of David in Heaven since He ascended after His resurrection. Peter said,

[David was] a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. (Acts 2:30-31)

Since "Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more" (Romans 6:9), Jesus is the only King anyone should acknowledge in the Kingdom of Heaven.

2. Perseverance: In 1947, on her 21st Birthday, she said:



"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong." - then Princess Elizabeth, 1947

She never wavered from that resolve! Jesus Christ said:

"The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." (John 8:29)

On the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Jesus never wavered from His resolve to be the "faithful witness" (**Revelation 1:5**).

3. Humanity: Her family, sibling, children, grandchildren, showed the same struggles and separations that most humans will experience. This was a constant reminder that she understood what her subjects go through, and showed her compassion in her reign.

[Jesus Christ] in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (**Hebrews 2:17**)

The Queen could never reconcile her subjects' sins like Jesus can!

4. Humility: She focused on doing what was best for her realm, not trying to simply elevate herself in importance. Jesus Christ said,

"I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." (John 6:38)

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

The Queen reigned well in her earthly kingdom, but Jesus Christ rules forever over the hearts of those who obey Him.

—— jtpll, September 11, 2022

