

PALM SUNDAY: The TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

Scriptural Reference: Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-44

I. Jesus Came to Fulfill Prophecy (vss.1-5)

Up until this time, Jesus had always told people that His time had not yet come and often told individuals share their experiences (Although many did). However, Jesus knew His time had come, and He needed to prepare to do what He came to do.

Jesus was deliberately fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9; *"Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"* confirming and identifying His Messiahship.

God wanted His Son to proclaim His Messiahship so clearly that the people could not mistake what He was doing.

Attention: For every prophecy on the first coming of Christ, there are 8 on Christ's Second Coming.

On that first ride Jesus came meek and humble on the colt of a donkey. When He comes again, he will come in power on a white horse:

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war." Revelation 19:11 (NIV)

II. He Will Come in Glory (vss. 6-9)

The disciples placing their clothes on the donkey and the crowd placing theirs on the ground and waving palm branches was an "kingly" acknowledgement and honor. (2 Kings 9:12-13).

The point is Christ was now unmistakably claiming the formality and rights of a King.

Important point: Not only were they honoring him with their actions, but they also honoring him with their voices: *"Hosanna, to the Son of David"* (9)

"Hosanna," means *"Oh save or Save Now!!"* *"the Son of David"* the title of the Messiah.

For most of His ministry, Jesus did everything He could to discourage people from publicly celebrating Him as Messiah. Here Jesus invited public praise and adoration as Messiah.

Interesting Parallel: Jesus Day vs. Our Generation

"Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!' 'I tell you,' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'" Luke 19:39-40 (NIV)

In essence, isn't the world around us today, saying to the church to be quiet about Jesus and the Bible? Jesus' response is the same today, ***"if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."***

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'" 1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (NIV)

Jesus Wept / Prophecy / Fulfillment

“As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.” Luke 19:41-44 (NIV)

Here is Jesus, the “*Prince of Peace*” entering Jerusalem, the “*city of Peace*” one last time. By week’ end they will crucify Him, but 40 years will experience anything but peace. Roman General Titus and His Army in 70 AD destroys Jerusalem. To this day, you can see the stones which fallen.

B. Coming Again: All Will Shout "Glory to the King!"

“At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Luke 21:27 (NIV)

Faith is seeing the invisible, but not the nonexistent. — A.W. Tozer

When He Comes Again, Everyone Will Know Him (vss.10-11)

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.”

Revelation 1:7

The rapture of the Church will be invisible while Jesus’ second coming will be visible.

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

Jesus is Coming Soon (Rev. 22:20), Are You Ready and Watching for Him?