

SERIES: PALM SUNDAY 2016

SUBJECT: SAVIOR AND KING

READING: Matthew 21:1-16

TEXT: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass (Zech. 9:9).

## Introduction

Palm Sunday celebrates the beginning of the passion week for Jesus; beginning with Him presenting himself as the prophesized King of the Jews; "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee:

During this week

- He curses the fruitless fig tree;
- Weeps over Jerusalem;
- Cleanses the Temple;
- Celebrates the Lord's supper with His disciples;
- Goes into Gethsemane where He sweats great drops of Blood. There He is disappointed as the disciples sleep as He agonizes in prayer.
- He is betrayed with a Kiss;
- Abandoned by His closest followers;
- He is subjected to 6 fake trials;
- He is scourged, mocked, and forced to carry His cross to Calvary where His is crucified between two thieves!
- Even there on the verge of death Jesus is the Great "Forgiver" when He says of those involved in the cruel act "Father forgive them." And to the repentant thief He says To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
- His side is pierced;
- And He is buried in a borrowed tomb.

Without question, the message of Palm Sunday is the message of the King. When the Lord Jesus rode into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday He offered Himself as King to the nation of Israel. But as you know, He was rejected—so much so that He sat upon that mountain, and with a loud voice cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:37-38). In a.d. 70 that city was razed to the ground, thus fulfilling the prophecy of our Lord.

## I. **The Prophecy Of The Coming The SAVIOR AND KING**

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee:" (Zech. 9:9).

- a. Zechariah is specific about dating his writing (520–518 BC) Which would indicate some 500 years before Matthew penned these words the prophet Zechariah predicted this day.
  1. God's plans are not made based on some daily activity He may observe!
  2. His plans are from eternity past and as it seems good to God he reveals them.
  3. So it was concerning this historical day that God reveals it 500 years earlier as a way to move and motivate His people concerning what He is going to do!
  4. A 500 years old prophecy was being fulfilled before their very eyes!
- b. The prophecy was detailed; Prophecy was

Mat 21:2-3 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me. (3) And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

1. Jesus' words are even more specific; **ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her:**
2. He also knew that those who owned the ass and her colt had been prepared. **And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.**
3. Whether prepared by a dream, through some encounter with an angel or another way when they followed Jesus' instructions they came home with the ass and the colt!
4. **Something we should remember; when God sends you on a mission and you follow His instructions you will succeed!**

## II. The Proclamation Of The SAVIOR AND KING

Mat 21:8-10 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. (9) And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. (10) And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

- a. This prophecy was one the people apparently knew well! They were prepared, they were waiting, they were ready. **And a very great multitude spread their**

garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

1. One might ask; how did they know? The answer seems **simple and obvious! They had listened to their preachers, read thier bibles, and believed God!**
  2. Their future was written by God **before it happened** and when they knew what God said and believed what had been written by their prophets; **they were ready to become a part of what God was doing!**
- b. Beloved I would submit to you that God has revealed in His word how you today in 2016 can be ready when and how you can be a part of what He is doing! Let me give you an example;
1. For the past two Saturdays several of us set out to build our bus ridership and it this process so far there are children hearing the Good News of Jesus who have never heard it before!
  2. Christ over 2000 years ago said; Luke 14:23 *And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*
  3. Those who went stepped into God's glorious plan in 2016 because they heard, read, and obeyed!
  4. They became a part of God's wonderful plan.

- c. **Some in ignorance asked Who is this?** Those who read God's word, listened to God's preachers knew; **This is Jesus!**

1. **They participated in the proclamation!**
2. **They were a part of God's perfect plan!**

### III. The Pronouncement Of The SAVIOR AND KING

**Mat 21:12-14** *And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, (13) And said unto them, **It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.** (14) And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.*

**i. Once welcomed into the city by those who honored Him as their King, Jesus went straight into the Temple!**

1. What do you think Jesus would do if He walked into Lake Wood Church where the most popular preacher on the planet Joel Osteen is pastor?
  - a. or in some other mega church where the music is amped up and the praise team are professional quality musicians?
  - b. Or how would he react to the dead orthodoxy of many mainline denominations that go through the same rituals week after week?
  - c. For that matter what if He walked in on this morning service?

2. We do not know how to answer those questions, but we do know what he did when He entered the temple in Jerusalem! **He cleaned the place out and PRONOUNCED it a den of thieves.**

ii. **Once that was done He declared that its purpose was a house of prayer.** And judging by what He did there He showed it to be a place where people were healed and helped! (14) **And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.**

1. Judging from His ministry throughout the Gospels a part of what made men and women blind and lame **was their need to have their sins forgiven!**

*Mar 2:7-12* *Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? (8) And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? (9) Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? (10) But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) (11) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. (12) And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.*

2. **The second part of Zechariah's prophecy was that their "King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation..."**

*Mat 21:15-16* *And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in*

*the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; **they were sore displeased,** (16) And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, **Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?***

3. **Hosanna** is an expression of adoration, praise, or joy.
4. **Imagine that?** God's children crying out with Adoration, praise, and joy causing the chief priests and scribes to become **"Displeased?"**
5. Commit your life to Christ and purpose to live your life in complete accordance to His word and if you in your commitment seek to share Christ and the Gospel with your lost family and friends, do not be surprised beloved when those family and friends are **"Displeased" with you.**

Conclusion:

Remember what Palm Sunday represents; It is that day in history when a 500 year old prophecy came to pass.

- It was the day when Jesus presented Himself as King not of Rome, not of The world, but King of The Jews who was coming to establish His kingdom with Jewish people.
- Remember it as the day in which Jesus cleaned up the temple that had been corrupted by those who were to keep it pure.
- Remember it as the day when Jesus was rejected at least in part because he healed the blind and the lame!
- Remember it as the day that marked the commencement a week of Jesus' suffering and death that He ultimately endured because of your sin and mine!

Invitation:

Looking for a church that Jesus would consider putting His name on? One that believes God, every word of the Bible and believes that lives lived according to those beliefs will free you from the bondage of sin? **I can say with confidence that Calvary Baptist Sebastian will prove to be that church in Sebastian.**

**If you are sinner in deed of a savior, we can introduce to Christ who came to seek and to save a lost sinner like yourself!**

**I as the pastor and we as a church family have all come from where you are to where God has brought us! And we want help you become a child of God and help you to grow into a man or woman of God!**

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