

"CHRIST THE KING OF KINGS"

MATTHEW 21:1-11

INTRO: Today is **PALM SUNDAY** when Christians all around the world will be focusing on the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM WHEN HE PRESENTED HIMSELF AS THE KING OF KINGS, WHICH HE TRULY IS. As Christ entered the City, many along the road **PRAISED AND HONORED HIM**. Sadly, for the Jewish Nation, they **REJECTED JESUS** as their King and five days later the PRAISE OF THE PEOPLE turned into CURSING as the CRIED OUT TO CRUCIFY HIM. Consider some facts about the **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF CHRIST**.

- The Triumphal Entry is recorded in **ALL FOUR GOSPELS**.
- The Triumphal Entry took place on March 9, 30 AD.
- The Triumphal Entry took place between Bethpage and Jerusalem over the Mount of Olives, through the Garden of Gethsemane, through the Kidron Valley and through the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem.
- The Triumphal Entry began the **LAST WEEK** of Christ's ministry on Earth before His **CRUCIFIXION** when Jesus **VERY DELIBERATELY PRESENTED HIMSELF TO THE JEWS AS THEIR KING!**

A QUOTATION: "AT THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM JESUS ENTERED THE CITY IN A NEW ROLE. PRIOR TO THIS HE ENTERED UNOBTUSIVELY, PROBABLY THROUGH THE SHEEP GATE, THROUGH WHICH THE ANIMALS FOR SACRIFICE WERE BROUGHT. **BUT NOT THIS TIME! THIS TIME JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM AS A KING THROUGH THE EASTERN GATE IN A MORE FORWARD AND DARING WAY!** THEN HE CLEANSED THE TEMPLE FOR THE SECOND TIME, CURSED THE FIG TREE AND CONDEMNED THE RELIGIOUS RULERS ABOUT THEIR FALSE TEACHINGS. **JESUS WAS DELIBERATE AND DECISIVE, FORCING THE ISSUE OF HIS KINGSHIP UPON THE JEWISH PEOPLE. HE WAS IN FULL CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE SITUATION.** JESUS NEVER ACTED MORE KINGLY THAN WHEN HE ENTERED JERUSALEM THIS TIME AND FOCUSED ON THE CROSS FOR WHICH HE CAME INTO THE WORLD."

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

- 1) Jesus Christ came into the World as a King – Matthew 2:1,2
- 2) Jesus Christ was Rejected as a King by the Jewish Nation – Mark 15:12-14
- 3) Jesus Christ Died as a King – Matthew 27:35-37
- 4) Jesus Christ will Come Again as a King – Revelation 19:11-16
- 5) Jesus Christ will Reign on the Throne of David as King – Luke 1:32,33
- 6) Jesus Christ will Rule the world as a Righteous King – Isaiah 9:6,7

RESPONDING TO CHRIST THE KING

I. THE RESPONSE OF THE JEWS TO CHRIST THE KING

- A. The Jews Rejected Jesus as King at His First Coming into the World
 1. This was Predicted – Daniel 9:26
 2. This was Pronounced – John 1:11a

NOTE: The Jews had to **REJECT CHRIST** as King so that He would go to the Cross.

- B. The Jews will Receive Jesus as King at His Second Coming into the World
-Jeremiah 23:5,6; Romans 11:26,27

II. THE RESPONSE OF THE CHURCH TO CHRIST THE KING

A REMINDER: The CHURCH is made up of **INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST** and so the CHURCH responds to **CHRIST THE KING** through the actions of **INDIVIDUAL BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS IN CHRIST**.

- A. Note John 18:33-37
 1. Note Verse 36: Christ's kingdom is not concerned with national or political entities. It exists **SPIRITUALLY NOW** until the **END OF THE AGE**. Revelation 11:15.
 2. Note Verse 37: Those who are of the **TRUTH NOW** are a part of the **SPIRITUAL KINGDOM OF CHRIST** and will submit to the **KINGSHIP OF CHRIST**.
- B. Note Ephesians 1:20-23
-Jesus is the **HEAD OF THE CHURCH** and **TRUE BELIEVERS** will submit to Him.

III. THE RESPONSE OF THE WORLD TO CHRIST THE KING

- A. Presently the World Rejects Christ as King.
- B. Prospectively the World will Recognize Christ as King – Philippians 2:9-11

LESSONS AND APPLICATION

- 1) Jesus Christ is the King of the **SPIRITUAL KINGDOM** – 1 Timothy 1:17
- 2) Jesus Christ WILL establish His LITERAL KINGDOM on Earth during the Millennium – Revelation 20:4-6
- 3) Jesus Christ WILL reign with **RIGHTEOUSNESS** in the **LITERAL KINGDOM** on Earth during the Millennium – Isaiah 11:1-5
- 4) Jesus Christ **WILL** reign eternally – Isaiah 9:6,7

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1) Have you submitted to Christ as Your King?
- 2) Will you submit to Christ as Your King?
 - IF YOU DON'T NOW WILLINGLY, YOU WILL LATER – Philippians 2:9-11