

“THE PRESENTATION OF THE KING”

MATTHEW 21:1-16

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INTRO: **WHAT A DAY IT WAS FOR JESUS!** He had been on earth for over 33 years by now, and had been preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom for over 3 years at this point in time. During those years, it was not always easy for Him. The Bible tells us that Jesus had no place to call home. He had very few possessions. Many people hated Him. The leaders of Israel had rejected Him. He gained very few committed followers. And now, He was on His way to Jerusalem to go to the cross and die! But as He entered Jerusalem, on what is called **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** that probably took place on SUNDAY, THE 9TH OF NISAN (APRIL), 30 AD, things changed, at least for the moment! As He and His disciples walked down over the Mount of Olives and toward the eastern wall of Jerusalem, **MULTITUDES OF PEOPLE** followed Him giving Him Honor and Praise! Jesus never asked for this kind of a reception, but He received it from those who had been watching Him for over three years now. Many of those people were not really His followers. Many of them just knew that He was a “miracle worker,” and they wanted to see another miracle. Some in the crowd were religious leaders who hated Him. But there was a great multitude and most of them were singing the praises of Jesus! **WAS JESUS EXCITED?** We do not really know. **WE DO KNOW THAT HE ACCEPTED THE PRAISE AND HONOR THAT WAS GIVEN TO HIM THAT DAY,** but He also knew that in just a few short days, HE WOULD BE ON THE CROSS BEARING THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD! **WHAT DID JESUS SEE ON THE DAY OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY?**

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JESUS SAW A NUMBER OF THINGS ON THE DAY OF HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM, AND THERE ARE SOME PRACTICAL LESSONS WE CAN DERIVE FROM THOSE THINGS, AS WE SHALL SEE IN OUR STUDY TODAY.
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TRY TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE CROWD ON THAT GLORIOUS DAY!

- 1) It was probably warm, as it usually is in April in Jerusalem.
- 2) It was dusty, dirty, and steep, as it is on the Mount of Olives.
- 3) The crowd was tight, and everyone was pushing to get close to Jesus.
- 4) Great excitement and anticipation filled the air, for Jesus was a celebrity.
- 5) Those who really did recognize who Jesus was, probably thought this was it, that is, JESUS WAS GOING TO SIT UP HIS KINGDOM!
- 6) In the crowd were those religious leaders who hated Jesus and were plotting His death.
- 7) As Jesus approached, people pressed to get closer to Him to see Him.
- 8) Imagine if that would happen today!!!

WHAT WAS REALLY TAKING PLACE ON THAT GLORIOUS DAY?

I. THE OFFICIAL OFFER OF CHRIST AS THE MESSIAH

- A. Christ came into the World as the True Messiah – Mt. 1:21
- B. Christ came into the World as King of the Jews – Mt. 2:1,2
- C. Christ announced His Mission early on in His ministry – Lk. 4:16-21
- D. Christ had faced times when people wanted to anoint Him King, but up until now He rejected that, as it was not God's timing – (After feeding the 5,000) John 6:15
- E. Christ was **NOW PRESENTING HIMSELF AS KING! HE WAS REJECTED** thus fulfilling John 1:11,12

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON: **DO NOT REJECT JESUS TODAY!**

II. THE FULFILLMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY – VS. 5

- A. The Triumphal Entry of Christ was predicted in Zechariah 9:9 some 457 years before it happened.
- B. The priests and scribes of Israel knew this because they were students of the scriptures, but they nevertheless led Israel to reject Christ. Why?
 - 1. They wanted a political king to give them victory over Rome, and Jesus came as a spiritual king.
 - 2. Some were jealous of Christ as He was taking attention from them.
- C. The fulfillment of O.T. Prophecy in this case is a lesson that all other prophecies regarding the **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST** will be fulfilled also.

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON: **DO NOT DOUBT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!**

III. THE OBEDIENCE OF THE DISCIPLES – VSS. 6,7

- A. Christ had instructed two of His disciples to go into the village and get a donkey and colt. The colt was probably brought to settle the donkey down.
- B. These animals did not belong to Christ, but He knew that they would be there and that the owners would wonder why the disciples wanted them. So, He told them to say, "**THE LORD HATH NEED OF THEM.**"
- C. The result was that every one obeyed! What Christ had said perhaps made no sense to them, but no one refused to do as Christ said. **Both the disciples and the owners of the animals obeyed!**
- D. There is a lesson there for us! Whatever Christ commands us to do, we should do it, even if it does not make sense! **WHAT A BLESSING THIS ACT OF OBEDIENCE BROUGHT....JESUS RODE THE DONKEY!**

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON: **OBEY CHRIST IN ALL MATTERS OF LIFE!**

IV. THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE – VSS. 8-11

- A. They Honored Christ – Vs. 8
- B. They Recognized and Worshipped Christ – Vs. 9
 - 1. "Hosanna, to the Son of David" – This meant "OH, SAVE US." They knew who Jesus was and was seeking His deliverance (Political, not spiritual).
 - 2. "Blessed is He that Cometh in the Name of the Lord."
- C. They were "MOVED." Vs.10 – The presence of Jesus made an impact upon them.

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON: **TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT JESUS AND LET HIM “MOVE YOUR HEART”**

APPLICATION: Everything in the Bible is written for us to learn from. Don't just allow this message on the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY to come and go for another year! THE OVERALL LESSON OF THIS EVENT IS THAT **JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND TRUE SAVIOR, THE KING OF KINGS, AND THE LORD OF LORDS! THEREFORE HE IS TO BE TRUSTED AS SAVIOR AND SERVED AS LORD! HOW WILL YOU RESPOND TO JESUS TODAY?**