

Welcome – New Series ‘Triumph’ – Compelled to preach...start to feel like we’re losing...

Conservative Biblical Evangelical Christians – Individuals & Institutions who live by the Book

Hostility = Media – Public Education / Private Education – Activists – Political Landscape

Some people have a vested interest in misunderstanding you

The more words from you just build the stick they hit you with

Angry...my hostility feeding their hostility | I end up...Tasmanian Devil in my room | ROMANS 8:31-39

Our triumph is not in measuring up against secularism...Our triumph is in trusting the Triumphant

Feels like losing battles...but the war is won (Sin & Death) – Brought to completion at the Day of Christ

Isa. 40:12 – ‘Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?’

Yes...we’ve lost some ground, but we’ll never lose the universe. Why? We follow the one who reigns!

Our response to our Triumphant God!

Today – Mark 11:1-11 (10/10 -11111) | Palm Sunday...Easter...Rabbit Chocolate Eggs...Preach October

• 1/3 of Mark | 1/2 of John = The last week of Jesus life...shouldn’t be contained to once a Spring

• ‘Triumphal Entry’ – (10) ‘Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David’ – KING

Big Idea – Jesus is the Triumphant King: Worship Him! | Ways including but not limited to song

Context: It’s 5 days before Jesus Crucifixion – 4 days before the Passover

• Passover = One of the 3 major feasts in the OT – God fearing people flood to Jerusalem

o Causing population to swell from 25k to 125k in a matter of days | 1 to 5 million (Job crisis)

(1) Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethpage, and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives

• Traveled from Jericho, near the Dead Sea...up to Jerusalem on Mt. Zion

Bethpage & Bethany = adjacent villages...East slope Mt Olives | ½ mile across Kidron Valley Jerusalem

(2) and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. | PRAY | Worshipping Jesus begins with a...

1. Willing Obedience to the King’s Authority (1-6)

Biblical top 5 things I would want to see...above flood | Red Sea | Mt. Carmel...Surprise Joseph...this

• What did he say? I guess we’re supposed to steal a donkey...dude when we get there...talking

Why would they do this? BELIEVED IN THEIR KING – Go | Untie | Bring | Say = COMMANDS...don’t say no

Worship is directly linked to obedience and obedience is directly linked to belief

If anyone else had told them to go get someone’s donkey...unless they are thieves...said ‘no’

• Jesus told them...believed was the right thing to do...even though it seemed strange

Worshipful Obedience = Listen – Believe – Act

Listen – ‘Colt no one has ever sat’ | Believed – ‘And they went away’ | Act – ‘Just as He said’

Listen – Believe – Act is WORSHIP - Exalting God in a place of honor and reverence because He is worthy

• Did it say it in the word? Then I should believe it...go ahead and be amazed that it’s just as He said!

Disciples may not have even been aware that they were fulfilling a 500 year old prophecy

Zech. 9:9 ‘Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey’

We don’t always have to understand why...we must always be willing to obey...worship He’s worthy

Worshipping Jesus begins with willing obedience to the Kings Authority...Worshipping Jesus leads to...

2. Committed Sacrifice to the King’s Service (7-8)

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Fulfilling Divine Prophecy...the people recognized Jesus as the promised King and Messiah

- Coats | Welcome Royalty – 2 Kings 9:13 – Jehu was proclaimed king
- Palm Branches | Worship at another festival...Tabernacles = Longing for the Savior

The king brings the Kingdom to bear and the Messiah brings Salvation to bear!

As people recognized who Jesus is...committed to sacrificing for the Kings service! | FOUR WAYS:

- a. Time – People committed days and in some cases years to the sacrificial service of Jesus
- b. Effort – Went and got the colt | Had to cut the branches from the field
- c. Possessions – Find a Colt...only one | Coats sweaty animal...ground – Gave them up!
- d. Reputation – It was unpopular in the Jewish community to follow this Rabbi

It cost them all comfort and convenience...worth it

Following Jesus will cost you...Time | Effort | Possession | Reputation

- If it’s not...biblically speaking...you’re doing it wrong | Swimming but not getting wet
- Shame on us for making worship about comfort and convenience
- P.T. Barnum – ‘Comfort is the enemy of progress’ – No way I could agree more

In our time...I can say one thing with certainty...our faith will cost us much

Worth – Less Worth – Worthless

Worthless = Gone | Less Worth = Willing to Sacrifice | Worth of who God is and His purposes

When Jesus sacrifice becomes your heartbeat - GIVE IT UP AND GIVE IT OVER AGAIN AND AGAIN

Worshipping begins willing obedience Kings Authority...leads ...Sacrifice Kings Service REQUIRES...

3. Joyful Response to the King’s Majesty (9-11)

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- ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’ – Authority of God
- ‘Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!’ – Promised Messiah
- ‘Hosanna!...Hosanna in the Highest!’ – Save us / God who saves us!

Worship is a participatory (par-tis-a-par-tory) activity...response to the Majesty of Christ!

There is no such thing as unengaged worship!

Mind’s Attention – Heart’s Affection – Will’s Submission

Abby’s shows – I’m only there for one person – I can’t do what they’re doing – respond applause

- Imagine at the end...I just sit there – I’m not participating in all this clapping...huff

ON THE BACK

- o Imagine the God who measured the oceans in his hands – Had a divine plan for your life
- o Imagine the God who weighed the mountains – Cared about you deeply as His finest creation
- o Imagine the God who marked off the universe – Sent His Son to die in your place
- o Imagine that Son is God and He died willingly and joyfully - because He loves you!

There is only one response to that kind of love...WORSHIP

Conservative Biblical Evangelical Christians We’re not losing in this world

Out Triumph is in trusting the Triumphant

We have a triumphant King Jesus = Worship Him!

Willing Obedience | Committed Sacrifice | Joyful Response