

"RESCUE: The King Has Arrived!"

- Palm Sunday (2019)

2 Tim 1:10 NLT - "And now he has made all of this plain to us by **the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior**. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News."

John 12:12-16 NLT - "The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.

Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt." His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into His glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about Him."

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III. The King's **AWESOMENESS** (v.16)

I. The King's **ARRIVAL** (v.12-13) - "The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"



- 1. **LOOK!** This is the **ONLY** instance where Jesus ever **ENCOURAGES** praise & acclamation to be given to Him!!
 - Matt 17:9 NKJV - "Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."



- 2. **LISTEN!** The crowds were crying out "Hosanna" and quoting **Messianic** Scriptures! Thousands shouted excitedly: "Hosanna! Save Us Now! " (from Psalm 118:26) - a Messianic victory song!
 - Ps 118:25,26 NKJV (1,000 BC) - "Save now...Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord"

- *"Hosanna"* - They are asking Jesus to do for them, what religion has not done: bring salvation and deliverance!!
 - **People wanted something more than their religion was giving them:** more than endless rituals, prescribed prayers, and the same dead ceremonies - *613 Jewish laws and ceremonies!*

II. The King's **ANNOUNCEMENT** (v.14-15) - *"Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."*

- Over the years, many people have made predictions about the Internet. Not all of these predictions were correct:
 - 2004 - *Bill Gates' announced that spam would be eliminated within 2 years.*
 - 1995 - *The Internet would never be able to handle very much traffic.*
 - 1995 - *The Internet would spell the end of spying and the control of information.*
 - 1995 - *Newsweek's claimed websites would never replace newspapers.*
 - 1995 - *Newsweek said no one would buy anything over the Internet.*
- **The Bible contains about 2,000 different prophecies!** *These deal with specific people, specific countries, and specific events of history. These have all been fulfilled with **100% accuracy!** Only the Bible has this **supernatural ability** to predict the future in advance!*
 - **Zech 9:9** (500 BC) - *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."*
- **There is also the fulfillment a magnificent prophecy that was given 483 years prior...to the very day! The Book of Daniel was written in about 700 BC!! It's one of the most important in all of Scripture!**
 - **Daniel 9:25-26** NCV - *"Learn and understand these things. A command will come to rebuild Jerusalem. The time from this command until the appointed leader comes will be forty-nine years and four hundred thirty-four years. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and a trench filled with water around it, but it will be built in times of trouble. After the four hundred thirty-four years the appointed leader will be killed.."*
- **The Persian king, Artaxerxes Longimanus,** commanded to restore Jerusalem on **March 14, 445 B.C.** as is confirmed by Nehemiah 2 and secular history books as well.
 - Sir Robert Anderson in his book *"The Coming Prince"* determined: **483 years**, based on the 360-day calendar year was **173,880 days.** If this is

counted out on the calendar it will bring you to **April 6, 32 A.D.** (the 10th of Nisan)

- **THIS IS THE PRECISE DAY** when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey! ***Absolutely Amazing!!***

• **THIS DEMONSTRATES 2 POWERFUL THINGS TO US:**

- ***The Bible truly is GOD'S WORD to mankind!*** - No other book, in the history of man, has ever had the ability to predict the future with 100% accuracy.....yet the Bible has done it over 1,000 times!! It truly is GOD'S WORD to mankind!
- ***The Christ truly is GOD'S KING for mankind!*** - No the person in history has fulfilled these 300 messianic prophecies, only Jesus of Nazareth. It proves, beyond the shadow of any rational doubt, that He and He alone is the King that God promised to send into the world! Jesus Christ is the Savior and Hero that we have been waiting for!

III. The King's AWESOMENESS (v.16) - "***His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.***"

• **Jesus Christ is the most unique Person of human history - in His REPUTATION!**

- "***I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between Him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creation of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him.***" - ***Napoleon Bonaparte***
- "***I am a historian, not a believer, but I must confess as that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of human history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure of all time.***" - ***H.G. Wells***

• **Jesus Christ is the most unique Person of human history - in His REDEMPTION!**

- Only Jesus Christ has offered Himself as a **SACRIFICE** for the **SINS** of all of humanity!
 - **John 3:16-18**- "***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.***"

- **Romans 5:6,8**NLT - *"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ... 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."*

- **2 Corinthians 5:21**NLT - *"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."*