



Sermon Series: Unquenchable Hope Part 10

Sermon Title: The King is Coming!

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In Zechariah 9, we see Zechariah delving out prophecies about two different Kings coming. One in Judgement, and one in salvation.

The first prophecy most scholars believe is about Alexander the Great -one of the most skilled Generals ever to live. **Zechariah 9:3-4**

The city of Tyre was a fortress, and most who lived there would often brag about how impenetrable it was because of its location. Alexander was a force to be reckoned with, and he took the rubble from the destruction of the land-based city of Tyre and made a causeway. He then Marched his troops out and destroyed it. Laid it flat. **Ezekial 26: 3**

This message will focus on the second King, the one they did not see coming, the one that many still deny did not come. The Messiah, King Jesus. The one that is talked about in **Zechariah 9:9-10** which brings us to our big idea today

Big Idea: Rejoice! The King is Coming.

1. The King Comes in Justice

Zechariah 9:9a

What we see here is a dual prophecy of Christ. One of His first coming, and one of His second. And they are very different.

When Jesus came the first time, He came to BRING his righteousness in exchange for our unrighteousness. In His second coming, He comes to RULE in righteousness. Zechariah says that Israel's king is Righteous/ Just. The word that is used here for Righteous "*Saddiq*" is talking about a Just ruler, one who administers a kingdom without corruption. King Jesus will not rule in corruption, His kingdom will be righteous.

2. The King Comes in Humility

Zechariah 9:9

In contrast to Alexander who comes on a war horse, Jesus comes on the foal of a donkey. This is odd, Kings and warriors ride horses not donkeys. The donkey was a lowly animal, used for peaceful purposes. It brought no rank or position. By riding the donkey, Jesus was showing himself to be the King, yes in fulfillment of the text, but also, letting the people know He was not the political King they expected. In this first coming Jesus was the suffering Messiah who humbly offered salvation and peace with God through His death.

3. The King Comes in Victory

Zechariah 9:9-10

The King comes in humility the first time, but the return of the King is all about VICTORY! While we follow in humility, this is the greatest cause for rejoicing. We know how it ends! In victory, in peace.

Verse 9 predicts Jesus' first coming in lowliness to offer Himself as the substitute for sinners. Verse 10 predicts His second coming in power and glory, to reign over all the earth. Jesus will remove all weapons of war, both from Israel and from all of Israel's enemies. When it says that He will speak peace to the nations, it implies more than mere words. The power of His person and presence will affect peace on earth. Zechariah then quotes from Psalm 72:8, about Messiah reigning "from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth," talking about a worldwide reign.

The Book of **Revelation 19:11-16** tells us about the return of the King.

John the revelator shows Jesus coming again, this time not on a foal of a donkey, but on a white stallion of war, to slay His enemies, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. At that time, every person will meet Jesus. If you yield to Him now, you will joyfully meet Him as Savior. If you reject Him now, you will meet Him as Judge, when "He treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty."

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **When biblical prophecies are fulfilled, how do opponents of the gospel explain them away?**
- **Biblical prophecies reveal what is going to happen in the future. Are there any future biblical prophecies that you question whether they will come to pass? Explain**
- **At His first coming, why did Jesus come in humility rather than come in victory to slay his enemies?**
- **The Israelites were looking for a political savior. Do you find yourself looking for a political figure for your future peace and security? Is this incorrect thinking? Explain**
- **What do you do to live the example of Jesus humility rather than get caught up in our culture that encourages self-promotion?**