

The King's Arrival

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-42 John 12:12-18

Introduction:

- A. Welcome and Introduction to the week.
- B. Today begins what many in Christianity call Holy Week or Passion Week.
- C. Few things to guide us along this week.
 - 1. Holy Week Selah's – dive into some of the Scripture of this week in a daily devotional format; this will guide your thoughts and prepare your hearts toward the resurrection.
 - 2. Our gatherings this week are geared toward the significance of this week.
 - a. Wednesday night will be a worship in the round themed with Worship of The King.
 - b. CR will be theme toward Good Friday and the King's Sacrifice
 - c. Then next Sunday, the King's Appearances. All together in this room
- D. Today we begin with The King's Arrival.
 - 1. To get the full picture of the scene we have put all the accounts together in one reading.
 - 2. Several things we notice in these verses.

I The King's Arrival Was Predicted and Anticipated

- A. Long before this day happened, it was predicted and anticipated.
- B. Matthew points, to Zechariah 9:9 with a connection to Isaiah 62:11.
 - 1. Some count over 300 OT prophecies and allusions which are fulfilled in Jesus.
 - 2. Many of those will come during this week.
- C. Many signs pointed to The King's arrival.
 - 1. Jesus's arrival was not intended to take any by surprise.
 - 2. It was predicted and anticipated.

II The Kings Arrival Was Planned With Great Preparation

- A. Working backwards from this moment.
 - 1. There was the guy with the donkey.

2. There was the donkey that had never been ridden.
 3. All exactly where they needed to be and willing to do what needed to be done.
- B. However those preparations went long before the entry into Jerusalem.
1. In the mind of Jesus as a 33 year old man –
 - a. Luke 9:51 – *“When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.”*
 - b. Mar 10:32-34 - *They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”*
 - c. He knew where he was going. He knew what lay before him. He did not shy away.
 2. In the mind of the Trinity when sin entered the world.

Gen 3:14-15 - *So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*
 3. In the mind of the Trinity before creation began.

1 Peter 1:20 - *He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.*

III The King’s Arrival Was a Declaration

- A. That he is King Jesus.
- B. That he is the Passover Lamb.
- C. The sacrificial King Jesus presented himself as the Passover Lamb.

IV The King’s Arrival Had Different Reactions

- A. Fair Weather Fans

1. Shouts of Praise. *“Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”*
2. Proclaimed him as *“The prophet from Nazareth”*.
3. Proclamations of praise on this day will become angry shout “crucify him” a few days later.

B. Fake Pharisees

1. They are described as indignant. Greatly displeased that people were praising Jesus as the Son of God.
2. Wanted Jesus to stop the people from praising him.
3. Angered that the “whole world has gone after him!”

C. Dull Disciples

1. It’s not the first time they were dull. Matthew 12/Mark 7
2. Even though they walked with him for three years they missed the real significance of what was happening.

D. The King’s Reaction: Compassion and Contemplation

1. Read text from Luke 19:41-43 – *“As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.”*
2. While I’m sure Jesus wept many times in his life, this is the second one we have recorded.
 - a. A few days prior when he saw the grief from Lazarus’s death
 - b. Now as he sees the crowds of people as he enters Jerusalem.
3. He knows he is ushering in salvation, but also judgement.
4. Mark tells us he looked around at everything? What did he see?

V The Take Home...The Palm Sunday Take Home

- A. What are the implication for this moment?
- B. Who do you identify with in this scene?
 1. The crowd of Fair Weather Fans
 2. Fake Pharisees
 3. Dull Disciples

C. The fact is at some point or at multiple points in our life we can identify we all of these groups.

Conclusion:

- A. This leaves us with questions that require an answer not just on Palm Sunday but every day:
 - 1. Has the King arrived in your life?
 - 2. How is the King reigning in your life?
- B. These are important questions, because this will not be the King's final arrival.
- C. When the next arrival of the King happens, it will be presenting himself as the sacrificial lamb that brings peace and salvation but as one who brings this judgement, vindication and deliverance.
- D. There will be a day when the clouds roll back and the skies bust open and we, as 1 John says, will see him as he is.
 - 1. Every knee will bow in heaven and earth and declare he is King Jesus.
 - 2. That arrival is also predicted, anticipated and planned.
- E. Jesus warned his followers the day was coming. He warned to be prepared for that day. We warned anticipate that day.
- F. Let us be those people that are prepared and anticipate that day.
- G. Offer invite