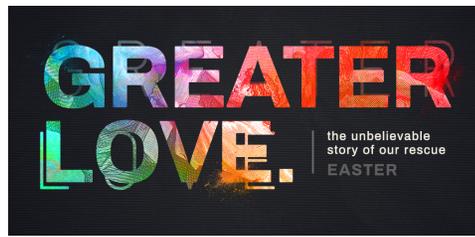


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Rescued by the Coming King

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday



Easter is the Greatest Rescue Story ever!

Could it be that Jesus might just be our Rescuing King?

John 12:12-13 (NLT) The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors¹³ 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!"

John 12:14-19 (NLT) Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:¹⁵ "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt."¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it.¹⁸ That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign.¹⁹ Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"

- **Jesus fulfills prophecy so we can believe He is the Messiah.**

Zechariah 9:9 (NLT) "Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt."

"We find that the chance that any man might have fulfilled all 8 prophecies is 1 in 10¹⁷" Peter Stoner, Science Speaks.

- **Jesus is humble and gracious, so we don't need to fear.**

John 12:15 (NLT) "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt."

- **Jesus raises the dead so we can trust Him with everything.**

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John 12:20-26 (NLT) Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration²¹ paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus."²² Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.²³ Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory.²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.²⁶ Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honour anyone who serves me.

- **Jesus gave His life for us so we can spend our life for Him.**

John 15:12-14 (NLT) "This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command."

Big Idea: Recognize & receive your rescuing King.

- **Choose to surrender to Jesus as your Saviour King.**

- **Choose to praise Jesus Christ as your God.**

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#1 of 3 - April 2, 2023

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- 6) Reflect on John 12:20-26. What is Jesus saying here and what is the significance for us? In what way does Jesus rescue us?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this study? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). In what way do you need to recognize and receive your Rescuing King? Where do you need to surrender to Christ and how will you praise Him today?



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