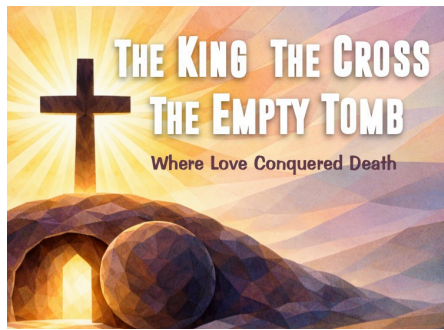


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### The Unexpected King

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#### Is it possible that we've been singing about Jesus... but misunderstanding Him?

Luke 19:38–44 (NLT) After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. <sup>29</sup> As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. <sup>30</sup> “Go into that village over there,” he told them. “As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. <sup>33</sup> And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?” <sup>34</sup> And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. <sup>37</sup> When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. <sup>38</sup> “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup> But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” <sup>40</sup> He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!” <sup>41</sup> But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. <sup>42</sup> “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

- **Jesus is the humble & gracious King.** v. 35-38

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

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

Matthew 21:4–5 (NLT) This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt.’”

- **Jesus is offering us true peace.** v. 42

Romans 5:1 (NLT): “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”

Colossians 1:19-21(NLT) “For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, <sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross. <sup>21</sup> This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.”

Ephesians 2:14 (NLT) “He himself is our peace.”

John 14:27 (NLT) “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

- **Jesus weeps when we fail to recognize Him as King.** v. 41-44

John 14:6 (NLT) Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

**Big Idea: Surrender to the humble King & experience true peace.**

#### Will you surrender to the King you need & submit to His loving leadership?

##### Prayer of Commitment:

*Jesus, I recognize today that You are the King I need.*

*I confess that I have gone my own way and tried to find peace apart from You. Thank You for loving me, for coming humbly, and for giving Your life on the cross for me.*

*Today, I surrender my life to You.*

*Forgive my sin, make me new, and bring Your peace into my heart.*

*I receive You as my Saviour and my King. Lead me, guide me, and teach me to follow You.*

*Fill me with Your peace— peace with God, peace within, and peace with others.*

*Thank you for loving me so much! Today I am trusting you with my whole life.*

*In Jesus’ name, Amen.*



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**Meaning**

- 5) Read Zechariah 9:9 and Romans 5:1 together.  
What do these passages reveal about the kind of King Jesus is and the kind of peace He brings?
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What does this teach us about the danger of misunderstanding or missing Jesus, even when He is right in front of us?

**Application**

- 7) In what ways might people today (including us) want Jesus to be a different kind of king—more comfortable, more convenient, or more aligned with our expectations?
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