

Jesus' Makes His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and into Your Heart.

Matthew 21:1-11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

1. We rejoice in Jesus Christ our King. Now. Vss 8-9

a. We should rejoice and shout aloud.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Revelation 5:12-13 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" and... "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

b. We rejoice that he comes to you and me. He initiates.

Zechariah 9:9 Behold, your king is coming to you...

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

c. We rejoice that he is righteous and has salvation.

Zechariah 9:9 ...righteous and having salvation is he...

Isaiah 45:21 -- 22 says "there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and the Savior; there is none but me. Turned to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other."

Titus 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

d. We rejoice in our humble King.

Zechariah 9:9 ...humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

2. We want our whole city to be stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” vs. 10

a. We want people eager and “stirred up” to find out about Jesus.

b. But why would they ask? Because they see something of Him through us.

3. We want to answer them: "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." And he is more than that!" Welcome Him into your heart! vs. 11

a. We must listen to Jesus because he is greater than all other human beings who ever lived – Prophets, Priests and Kings.

Deuteronomy 18:15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Matthew 17:2, 5 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light... 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

b. We must listen to Jesus because he alone is the Redeemer who pays for our sins.

1 Peter 1:18-20 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake.

c. We must listen to Jesus because He is the light that shines in the darkness.

Isaiah 8:22, 9:2 And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness... The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

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