

NOTES: Palm Sunday | Jesus Is King
April 1-2, 2023, Compelled Church

Matthew 21.1-11

---Holy week, starts with Palm Sunday

The triumphal Entry, Cleansing the temple, Parables, Teachings, the Plot to Kill, The anointing for burial by Mary, Judas deal, the last Passover, the betrayal and arrest, the denials, the mocking, the cross death, the burial, and the Resurrection!

Prophecy fulfilled-

Mount of Olives (Messiah will come Zech. 4.14)

“On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.” (Zechariah 14:4, NIV)

The Kingship of Jesus is different

1. Jesus the King Is Humble- Jesus came in riding a donkey, not a horse. (Next time it will be a white Horse, and he will come as a victor!)

“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.” (Matthew 11:29, NIV)

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:5–8, NIV)

Humility comes from the Latin word *Humilitas* or “grounded” “from the earth” like our word humus. We are brought back to earth, no higher than we need to be. Pride lifts us up above humus.

2. Jesus the King is the Prince of Peace (Romans 5.1-2)

Came in on a Donkey. We should be people of peace. God’s people.

3. Jesus the King is a Servant He served us salvation. He gave His life. He became the suffering servant before the Holy Week will be over (Isaiah 53:1-8)

4. Jesus the King asks us to love him

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” (1 John 3:1, NIV)

Remember: *“We love because he first loved us.”* (1 John 4:19, NIV)

Is He your King? Humble, peaceful, serving, loving. A king you follow, not just say. A king you are honored to know, love, represent and live for. Is He King over everything in your life?

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1. Do you think of Jesus more as a King? A Savior? A Friend? A Judge?

2. Read the Matthew account of Palm Sunday and that Triumphal Entry.

- How was Jesus honored?
- What Prophecies were fulfilled?
- What does this entry say about Jesus?
- What are the lessons you can draw?

3. What did the Palm Branches represent?

4. How was Jesus a Humble King?

5. Read Matthew 11.29 - Write out a prayer for you regarding this verse?

6. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He came for us to enjoy peace on earth and peace with God.

Read Romans 5:1-2

- How are we justified?
- How do we obtain this peace?
- What do we stand in, or live in?
- What is the hope?

7. Jesus came as a servant King. We all want to be a servant until we are treated like one. Can you think of a time you were serving but then offended when you were treated like one?

8. Take Isaiah 53 and pray it. Pray Lectio Divina. Read slowly and contemplatively. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word. Pray thanksgiving, requests, and how you are led by the Lord.

“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:1–7, NIV)