

## THE CONQUERING KING WHO LEADS OUR MISSION

### I. JESUS GOES AHEAD OF US

- A. Prophecy of deliverance for the Jewish people, that we (Gentiles) are grafted into (Zechariah 9:14)
  - 1. Has been partially fulfilled through the Triumphant Entry
  - 2. This prophecy gives a picture of God's absolute triumph
- B. God always leads us and He always leads us triumphantly (2 Corinthians 2:14)
- C. Jesus leads us in the mission of spreading the aroma of the greatest of good news, the Gospel, everywhere (v. 14-15)
- D. Who is sufficient for these things? Only God (v. 16)
- E. We are sufficient to speak the word of God because we have been commissioned by God (v. 17)
  - 1. Preach it purely, undiluted
- F. Paul used the imagery of the parades and triumphant entries of the Romans to describe how we walk on mission for Jesus Christ
  - 1. As we go and spread the message, we celebrate the victory of God in advance
    - a) If you are a Roman in that parade, you smell victory
    - b) If you are of the defeated nation, you smell death
  - 2. If we accept Jesus, it's the aroma of life
  - 3. If we reject Jesus, it's the aroma of death
- G. We are never the first to arrive on the scene, Jesus goes ahead of us