

The Triumphal Entry Matthew 21:1-11

I. Intro

- A. This week: 3 seder services. Catch one of them, you do not want to miss it. I promise
- B. Next Sunday: 1 10am worship gathering outdoors, weather permitting.
- C. Celebrate the church: percentage of the church college age and younger in Bible Study:
- D. This Story! So special

II. Text

- A. Verses 1-5: Zechariah 9:9 is quoted here
- B. Verses 6-7: Obedience to the master, even though it didn't make complete sense
- C. Verse 8:
 - 1. A kings welcome as he returns from the battlefield victorious
 - 2. The victory was won when the promise was made
 - 3. The victory was complete when He died in our place
- D. Verse 9: The crowds knew why he was there and who he was.
- E. Verses 10-11: The entire city was then confronted with the truth

III. Point

A. The Donkey

- 1. Not a majestic steed, but a lowly beast of burden
- 2. The fulfillment of prophecy is the key to this element of the story
- 3. Application:
 - a) The ministry of Christ is an example to us in many ways
 - b) Lets us never think too highly of ourselves and miss the humility
- 4. The accolades that are about to be expressed had no effect on the position He chose.
- 5. He chose the humility of the donkey, and obedience to His own plan.
- 6. Jesus is worthy to be worshipped!
 - a) This is the place in Luke's account of the Triumphal entry where he records the famous line:
 - b) And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."
- 7. WHILE ON THE DONKEY, HE REBUKES THE PHARISEES, AND DECLARES THE TRUTH THAT HE WILL BE WORSHIPPED!

B. The Crowd

- 1. They shouted "Hosanna!":
 - a) Meaning: save us now
 - b) Quoting Psalm 118:25-26: 25 Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 2. They shouted "son of David"
 - a) The prophecy stated the messiah would come from the lineage of David
 - b) They knew Him as messiah
- 3. They shouted "blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"
 - a) They knew who He represented
 - b) They declared this to be a known fulfillment of prophecy
- 4. The shouted "In the Highest"
 - a) Now, this is important
 - b) Greek: hypsistos
 - (1) If referencing a place: the highest point in the region
 - (2) If referencing a rank: the highest possible position of authority: THE MOST HIGH GOD!
- 5. They are declaring:

- a) Savior
 - b) Messiah
 - c) Messenger
 - d) GOD!
6. The onlookers watched and asked, “Who is this?”
- a) People are still asking
 - b) Answer: It’s HIM!
- C. The Point
1. Jesus fulfilled prophecy
 2. Jesus fulfilled His promise
 3. Jesus died on the cross to provide us forgiveness of sin:
 - a) Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
 - b) Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.
 - c) Romans 10:9-13: 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
 - d) Colossians 2:6-23 6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities[b] and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. 16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions,[d] puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. 20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— 21 “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” 22 (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.
- IV. Close
- A. Have you been forgiven of sin?
 - B. Have you been set free?
 - C. Have you believed upon the Lord for salvation?