

THE KING COMES IN PEACE

“Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.’

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

‘Tell the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your King is coming to you,

Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.’” Matthew 21:1-5 (NKJV).

- When a king or a general came in peace, he rode a donkey.
- The prophecy referenced in Zechariah 9:9 (Isaiah 62:11), foretold the coming of Israel’s King in a “gentle” [not a fierce warrior] manner riding on . . . a colt, the foal (lit. son) of a donkey.
- The first time Jesus came, He came as the suffering Servant. But the next time He comes, it will be as the conquering King.

THE KING IS ACCLAIMED BY THE PEOPLE

“So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.” Matthew 21:6-8 (NKJV).

- The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them.
- The people from Galilee were familiar with the miracles Jesus had performed.
- Many were anticipating that Jesus was coming to set up His reign in Israel’s capital.

THE KING IS CROWNED WITH PRAISE

“And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.” Luke 19:37-41 (KJV).

- Someone will try to stop your praise!
- If we don’t praise him the stones will cry out!

Hosanna in the Highest!

“Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’

Hosanna in the highest!’ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, ‘Who is this?’ So the multitudes said, ‘This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.’”
Matthew 21: 9-11 (NKJV).

- “Hosanna” is from the Hebrew hôsi‘âh nâ’, “Save-deliver (us), we pray” [taken from Psalm 118:25].
- “Hosanna in the Highest” = heaven join us
- Jesus is also called “the Son of David,” identifying him as of the royal line.
- The Messiah who was to inherit the Davidic Covenant and reign on an eternal throne forever and ever
- He is the “one who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Psalm 118:26)
- All these designations reference that Jesus is Yahweh’s representative, His Messiah or Christ.

“Who is this?”

“Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who *is* this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He *is* the King of glory. *Selah*” Psalm 24:7-10 (NKJV).

- So the question of that day is still the question of our day. “Who is this?”
- A question that all of us need to answer individually...Who does your life say that He is?