

— Matthew 21.1-13 —

Palm Sunday 2019

### **Behold, Your King**

*Matthew 21.1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "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.'" 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!" 10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" 11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." 12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'*

\* **What are** some of the things that happened during Passion Week, which began with Palm Sunday?

\* **Did Jesus** stay away from Jerusalem, come to Jerusalem, or both? Explain.

\* **When Jesus** enters Jerusalem, virtually everything he says and does conjures up memories of OT events and prophecies, and everything he says and does amounts to a claim that he is \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, the long awaited Son of David, the Messiah; and not only that, but that he is the \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and King of the \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **What is** the significance of the following:

— Jesus entering Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey?

*Deut 17.15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses ... 16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself ...*

*1Kings 1.33 The king also said ..., "[H]ave Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and 34 ... let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet*

*anoint him king over Israel; and blow the horn, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!'*

*Zec 9.9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.*

— The crowd shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David”? (9)

— And, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD”? (9)

*Psalm 118.26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.*

— The people laying their garments before Jesus? (7-8)

*2King 9.13 Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king!"*

— And cutting branches and spreading them on the road? (8)

*Lev 23.39 ... when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days ... 40 And you shall take for yourselves ... branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days ...*

\* **When Jesus** gets to the temple, he acts like he \_\_\_\_\_ the place (12-14), because he does. And that’s really the point. He is not only the Messiah, David’s promised Son, he is the \_\_\_\_\_ himself, Immanuel, God in the flesh.

*Malachi 3.1 ... And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. 2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.*

\* **Why did** Jesus drive out the money changers and those who sold sacrificial animals? (12)

*Acts 21.27 Now ... the Jews from Asia, seeing [Paul] in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."*

*Isaiah 56.6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant- 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."*

*Numbers 15.14 And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do. 15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD. 16 One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."*

*Jer 7.9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, 10 and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'- only to go on doing all these abominations? 11 Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.*

\* **The temple** in Jesus' day, as in Jeremiah's day, had been reduced to a symbol of Jewish nationalism quite divorced from allegiance to \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus isn't against a love for country, as long as it is built on a love for \_\_\_\_\_. God promises to make Israel the envy of the nations, but it is contingent on Israel loving and obeying \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut 4.5-9). There is a certain Israelite exceptionalism here, but it is the exceptionalism of God's grace and blessing, and it is available to any nation. In fact, God calls all nations to it, and Israel was to echo that call. It was \_\_\_\_\_-based exceptionalism, not \_\_\_\_\_-based exceptionalism.

\* **All of** this twisting of what God called his people to may have been outside God's will, but it was not outside his \_\_\_\_\_. It was part of God's proof to mankind that there was only one way for true \_\_\_\_\_.

*Zec 9.9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.' 11 As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit."*

*Mat 16.21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" 23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."*

*Jn 3.14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

\* **What is** the key difference between the crowd that welcomed Jesus as King, and the crowd that said, "Crucify him ... We have no king but Caesar"?

*John 6.66 ... many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

*Deut 30.19 ... "[C]hoose life ... 20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying his voice, and by clinging to him, for He is your life ..."*

*Acts 2.42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers ... 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

