

“The Messiah Arrives”

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Scripture

John 12:12-19

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So, the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; **look, the world has gone after Him.**"

Today, we celebrate the arrival of the King! -> **1,994 years ago...**

A fulfillment of prophecy!

Those in early New Testament times longed for the arrival of the Messiah -> **Maranatha!**

Today, many believers long for the return of the King -> **Revelation 19 -> 22:20-21 -> "Come, Lord Jesus"**

Palm branches waved and spread on the road – for royalty!

Matthew 21:1-11

“When they had approached Jerusalem and had come 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 there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me.** "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" **The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats.** Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "**Hosanna to the Son of David**; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!" When He had entered Jerusalem, **all the city was stirred**, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds were saying, "**This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.**"

Whose arrival would make you reverently lay your coat down on the road? – or make you bow down?

Do you want the Lord to come?

The Messiah Prophesied

There are many Old Testament prophecies about the coming King:

2 Samuel 7:12-13

"I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and **I will establish his kingdom**. He shall build a house for my name, and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever**"

Isaiah 9:6-7

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom**, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore"

Isaiah 11:1-5

"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. **The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But **with righteousness He will judge the poor and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth**; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also, righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist."

All Israel waited for the Messiah to announce His presence

The Hosanna

John 12:12-15

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The root word for Hosanna and the root word for the name Jesus both mean "save."

Hosanna is compound word of "deliverance" and "prayer"

The jubilant crowd that greets Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem is pleading with Him to save them

Simultaneously joyously greeting the one they believe can and will save them

It is a King's welcome – a Messiah's welcome!

"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD" from **Psalms 118**, as we began with today

The end of the Hallel – **Psalms 113 through 118** -> read or sung by the Jews on the way to festivals

We sing “Hosanna” -> **“He IS the God who saves us”** -> **“Worthy of all our praises”**

Do you think Jesus knew about the prophecy from Zechariah 9?

Zechariah 9:8-9

“But I will camp around My house because of an army, Because of him who passes by and returns; And no oppressor will pass over them anymore, for now I have seen with My eyes. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! **Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**”

Jesus purposely called His disciples to go find a donkey for Him to ride in on – **prophesied in Zechariah 9**

The Messiah King is coming!

He is endowed with Salvation!

He is Humble!

He is Mounted on a Donkey!

The Apostle John comments on this event from a historical point of view:

John 12:16

“These things **His disciples did not understand at the first**; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.”

We see a lot of this from the disciples -> not understanding the significance of the events until much later

We see the same in **John 13** when Jesus washes the feet of the disciples:

John 13:7 (Peter questioning the Lord washing his feet)

“Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, **but you will understand hereafter.**”

When would they understand the significance of these events?

Why didn't they “get it”?

We need to have patience with those without the Holy Spirit -> the disciples didn't “get it” without the Spirit

The People

John 12:17-18

“So, the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, **continued to testify about Him.** For this reason, also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.”

The group who witnessed the raising of Lazarus kept telling the story of the amazing resurrection

The greatest sign of all -> rebirth from the dead -> preceded the King's arrival in Jerusalem

Other people believed the word of their testimony

The result is a massive crowd of celebratory people overjoyed that the long-awaited Messiah was here

We see God's plan coming together -> the Messiah is recognized yet not completely understood

But not everyone was happy:

The Final Straw

John 12:19

"So, the Pharisees said to one another, **"You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."**

The Jews: the Pharisees and the Priests had been trying to trap Jesus, hinder Jesus, chase Jesus for years!

Here it is, Year 3 of the Jesus movement and they are at their wits end

"What can we DO to stop this guy?"

We've been stirring up anti-Jesus sentiment all over the place, but He continues to "beat us"

"We've lost the battle"

Jesus Continues to Win

When Jesus was just born, King Herod sought to kill Him:

Matthew 2:13-15

"Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother **and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you**; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So, Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. **This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."**

Matthew 16:15-18

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and **the gates of Hades will not overpower it."**

The King is Coming Again!

Revelation 19:11-16

"I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and true, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire and on His head are many diadems and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God and the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty and on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Prayer - Benediction