

Closing Thoughts!

“May we greet Jesus with open hearts and minds, laying down our own desires at His feet, as the crowds did with palm branches, signifying His triumphal entry into our lives.”

— Billy Graham

“Is He Worthy?” ‘The Triumphal Entry of the Humble King!’ Matthew 21:1-11

- 1.) What kind of King are we personally accepting in Jesus?
- 2.) Do we praise Him for who He truly is or what we want Him to be?
- 3.) Are we willing to let Jesus make His triumphal entry into our lives today?

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
- Zechariah 9:9

I. **Jesus sent two disciples to get what he already knew was available¹ V1-7**

- A. The disciples didn't question Jesus' strange request!
- B. *There was risk involved!*
 - a. *What if the owners didn't give up the donkey and colt so easily?*
- C. Notice the names of the disciples were not mentioned.
- D. In Verse 3 Jesus reveals himself as the Lord who is King of Israel to fulfill Zechariah 9:9

II. **Why a colt, why ride it into Jerusalem, and why at this time?**

- A. Prior to their Babylonian exile, residents of the Holy City recited Psalm 118 annually as their king marched towards its temple as part of a re-enthronement ceremony. The priests were expected to greet him at the temple's gates with blessing and to lead the festal procession with boughs in hand to the altar (Ps. 118:26-27) T
- B. This reading of Psalm 118 would take place at the Festival of Tabernacles in the autumn and Passover in the spring.
- C. Jesus was now coming to declare himself as King.
- D. Jesus came in riding a colt instead of a steed!
 - a. Riding a donkey was a sign of humility and servitude.
 - b. Riding a never-before-ridden colt was a sign of purity and Holiness.
 - i. The Holiness of Christ is without a doubt the most important attribute of Christ! We needed the perfect blame sacrifice.

III. **The crowd gathered around Christ worshiping and preparing the way for Him to Jerusalem v 8-9.**

- A. He certainly wasn't greeted by the priests that would traditionally lead the way for the processional.
- B. It wasn't the rich and famous that were most likely greeting King Jesus but the poor and lowly.

- C. The act of laying their coats and garments on the ground was something they would do in the festival as the King approached Jerusalem.
- D. Those that didn't have coats to lay down laid branches.
- E. Verse 9 they shouted praise declaring Jesus as Lord!

IV. **There was still confusion and uproar about who He was! V10-11**

- A. The City of Jerusalem was in a rage wondering who this king was even though he was in their midst many times before! V!0
- B. The response and answer was He is the prophet Jesus of Nazareth!
 - a. He was so much more and the people missed it.
- C. Many of those who were in the crowd with Jesus missed his heart and purpose!
- D. The Pharisees commanded Jesus to rebuke those who worshiped Him. Luke 19:39-40.
- E. When Jesus got to the city He wept over it! Luke 19:41