



WELCOME THE KING!

Text: Luke 19:28-40

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

'After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord ! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"'

I. The Entry of a King

Fulfillment of prophetic word from the old testament prophet Zechariah 500 years before.

"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."

Zechariah 9:9 NKJV

A. A Misunderstood King

- Jews were looking for a Natural King to overthrow the Natural Roman Kingdom
- Jesus was Spiritual King that came to overthrow a Spiritual Kingdom

B. Mount Olives

- The Garden of Gethsemane is on this Mountain
- It is a Jewish cemetery. Many burial sites are at this mountain since Bible times

C. Proper protocol for receiving a King

II. All Hail The King

- A. Praise- is humble adoration of our Almighty God.
- B. Praise recognizes God's exalted position and divine qualities.
- C. Praise voices sincere and deep gratitude for who God is and what He has done.
- D. As we praise Him, we submit ourselves to the One who is worthy and express devotion for the One whose love is unending.
- E. "Men spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: 'Isn't she lovely? Wasn't it glorious? Don't you think that magnificent?'" "Praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment." - C.S. Lewis
- F. ***"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."* Psalms 150:6 NIV**
 - Praise is not about personality. It has nothing to do with whether or not you are an extrovert or an introvert.
 - Praise is not about denomination or religious heritage.

III. Praise Is Good For Us

- A. Psalm 92:1 "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High."
 - 1. Praise refocuses our minds on God and connects our hearts with His.
 - 2. Praise fosters awareness of God's presence with us.
 - 3. Praise pushes the worries of this life into the background.
 - 4. Praise reminds us of who God is and what He has done.
 - 5. Praise recalls God's past provision, thus strengthening our hope in His future deliverance.
 - 6. Praise voices our dependence on God, relieving our fears.
 - 7. Praise helps develop an eternal perspective, paving the way for God's peace.
 - 8. Praise opens our hearts to receive God's joy.
 - 9. Praise fulfills the purpose for which we were created, bringing fulfillment.
 - 10. Praise reminds us who is in charge and that we are not on our own.
 - 11. It breaks the cycle of self-absorption which often engulfs hurting people.

B. Types of Praise

- 1. HALAL: To jump, dance, to be loud and clamorous (Scriptural reference – 2 Samuel 6:14-15)
- 2. YADAH: To extend or throw your hands up in surrender. (Scriptural reference – Isaiah 25:1)
- 3. TOWDAH: To lift your hands in thanksgiving (Scriptural reference – Psalm 107:22)

4. SHABACH: A loud, joyous shout of testimony. Proclaim with a loud voice, unashamed, (Scriptural reference – Psalm 145:4, Psalm 47:1 “Clap your hands are you People and shout unto to with a voice of triumph”
5. ZAMAR: To worship the Lord while playing an instrument (Scriptural reference – Psalm 98:4)
6. BARAK: To kneel in reverence and submission (Scriptural reference – Psalm 66:20)
7. TEHILLAH: To sing a spontaneous, unprepared, unrehearsed song of the Lord, from your spirit (Scriptural reference – Psalm 22:3) “Oh thou that inhabits the praises of Israel”

C. How God Responds To Praise

1. God Will Fight For You
 - a. “As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.” 2 Chronicles 20:22 (NIV)
2. God Will Protect You
 - a. But let all who take refuge in you be glad; Let them ever sing for you. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Psalm 5:11 (NIV)
 - b. The righteous will rejoice in the Lord And take refuge in him. All the upright in heart will glory in him!
3. God will Refresh You
 - a. The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, And with my song I praise him. Psalm 28:7 (NIV)
4. God will Deliver You
 - a. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. Acts 16:25-26 (NIV)

Three Things To Remember:

1. Jesus wants to enter your life.
2. Jesus wants to fulfill and establish something in your life.
3. Welcome him with praise!

