

## Jesus Is Your King 2019-04-14

### John 12:12-15

*The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"*

"Palm Sunday" opened Passover annual week long retelling of how God thru 10<sup>th</sup> plague delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt. Exodus 12:11b-14, 13:10

- Remembrance/past and prep/future coming of Messiah. I do same.
  - Marked Jesus dramatic shift: until here kept His Identity as Messiah veiled
  - Here Jesus declaring Himself Israel's Messiah and crowd understood and affirmed Jesus as their King. John 12:12-13, Luke 19:36-38

Crowds of worshippers lined streets, estimated over 200,000 as national lamb that is to be sacrificed for sins of Israel brought in to Jerusalem.

- Jesus probably right behind High Priest's procession
  - Jesus deliberately provoked Jewish leaders to set into motion events that were divinely planned from eternity past.
    - Jesus in complete control over all including His own death.

Crowds outwardly affirmed Jesus as Messiah and their King. Psalm 118, Zechariah 9:9

- Singing Messianic Psalm 118, palm branches (symbolic of Jewish nationalism and victory over enemies) spread garments ("red carpet"),
- shout Hosanna = "Save now"....save from oppressive Romans.
  - Wanted King to alleviate their discomfort not change their lives.
  - Hearts revealed within week "Hosanna!" > "Crucify Him!"

Similar today, want King Jesus to give easy, comfortable life here. Best life now.

- We loudly acclaim Him King if we believe He will satisfy our selfish desires.
  - Instead of approaching Him with humility, brokenness, delight we come in pride, self-reliance and out of duty not love.
    - Jesus, do what I want when I want it...examine heart/prayer
  - Jesus not our divine slave but our Sovereign holy King.

Never been or will be a King so supreme, magnificent, majestic, powerful, sovereign, worthy, glorious as Jesus Christ. Revelation 7:9, 19:16, 1 Peter 2:9-11

- Great King, lovingly shed royal robes, put on cloak of commoner, paid debt not His so we could become uncommon – His royal children.
  - "Triumphal entry" set in motion final events that culminate in voluntary, gracious, divinely planned sacrifice of Jesus on cross.
- King of kings is alive today presiding from heaven over all of creation, visible/ invisible, all peoples, kings and kingdoms for all times.

○ Coming back in power/glory to eternally reign as King over all.  
Our glorious King Jesus deserves more than verbal acknowledgement. Luke 9:23, 1 Samuel 15:22b, Matthew 11:28-30, Luke 18:28-30

- He deserves hearts that trustingly relinquish authority to Him over all areas of lives...marriage, parenting, job, \$\$, retirement, schedule.
  - People who daily live in joyful submission to King Jesus.

Not harsh King: loving, sovereign who causes all things to work together for our good, His ends and glory of God.

- Let King Jesus replace your weakness with His strength, fear with hope, your foolishness with His wisdom, your temporal priorities with eternal blessings.
  - Jesus Christ is your King - love, honor and submit to Him. 1 Timothy 6:11-16