

“THE REVELATION OF JESUS IN THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY”

MATTHEW 21:1-11

INTRO: Today is recognized as **PALM SUNDAY** by Christians around the world. It is a day that is honored by those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and yet it is often under-appreciated. **HISTORICALLY**, this event is known as **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** of Jesus into Jerusalem that took place on March 27th, 33 AD, at about 3:00 PM. At the time of **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**, there were up to 3 million Jews in Jerusalem who had gone to the City to celebrate the **PASSOVER**. **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** began the **WEEK OF PASSION** of Christ that includes 58 activities of our Lord culminating with **HIS RESURRECTION** one week later. **CHRISTOLOGICALLY**, it is the time in which Jesus presented Himself as the **MESSIAH AND KING** to Israel although He was rejected as such. The rejection came as the Jews wanted a **POLITICAL MESSIAH AND KING** to give them victory over the Roman Empire, but Jesus was offering Himself as a **SPIRITUAL MESSIAH AND KING** and the **SAVIOR** of the world which they rejected. **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**, is **ONE** of only **TEN** events in the life of Christ that is found in all four Gospels which shows its significance. **CHRONOLOGICALLY**, **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** occurred on the Sunday, five days prior to the Friday of the **CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS** and just one week before the **RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**. **GEOGRAPHICALLY**, **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** took place as Jesus came westward from Bethany, where He had earlier raised Lazarus from the dead, down over the Mount of Olives, through the Kidron Valley, through the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem, (also called The Golden Gate, The Beautiful Gate and the Gate of Mercy), and on to the **TEMPLE MOUNT**. The **EASTERN GATE** was sealed shut in 1540 by **SULEIMAN THE MAGNIFICENT**, a sultan of the Ottoman Empire (**A MUSLIM RUN SUPER EMPIRE**), so as to prevent the **JEWISH MESSIAH** from entering into the City of Jerusalem. It is to be noted that when Jesus returns to sit up the **MILLENNIAL KINGDOM**, He will once again enter into Jerusalem through the Eastern Gate according to Ezekiel 46:12. **SPIRITUALLY**, **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** presents Jesus Christ as **the ONE AND ONLY MESSIAH, KING AND SAVIOR**, not only for Israel or the Jewish people, but for all the people of the world. **REDEMPTIVELY**, **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** is often diminished by **CHRIST’S CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION**, but in reality, should not be so as it lays the groundwork and reveals great unique qualities of Christ that enabled His **CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION** to be eternally effective for our salvation. **PERSONALLY**, **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** reveals to us a **UNIQUE TREATISE** on the reality of the person of Jesus Christ that should result in the **PRAISE, WORSHIP AND SERVICE** for Who Christ truly is!

TEN GREAT REVELATIONS OF JESUS CHRIST IN HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

I. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS OMNISCIENT – VS.2

- A. Jesus knew where the cold and donkey were.
- B. Jesus’ Omniscience is taught biblically in John 21:17

II. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS HUMBLE – VSS. 1,2,5

- A. Jesus did not enter Jerusalem on a Stallion or energetic horse, but on a donkey, which is a very humble animal.
- B. Jesus’ humility is taught in Philippians 2:5-7

III. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS PEACEFUL – VSS. 1,2,5

- A. In the time of Christ’s life on the earth, a king who had won peace for his nation would often enter the Capitol City on a donkey revealing that peace had been established.
- B. Jesus offers true spiritual peace – John 14:27; Isaiah 9:6

IV. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS FULFILLING PROPHECY

-VS. 4

- A. Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem was predicted in Zechariah 9:9 in 487 BC.
- B. Alfred Edersheim, an Australian Jewish Convert to Christianity and Biblical scholar wrote: **“THERE ARE AT LEAST 456 O.T. PROPHECIES REFERRING TO JESUS CHRIST AS THE MESSIAH. AT LEAST 300 OF THOSE PROPHECIES WERE FULFILLED BY CHRIST’S EARTHLY MINISTRY. OTHERS ARE YET TO BE FULFILLED IN GOD’S TIMING.”**

V. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS KING – VS. 5

- A. Jesus was presenting Himself as the King of the Jews to all who were in Jerusalem that day.
- B. Jesus is the **TRUE KING** who will eventually be recognized as such according to the Word of God – Isaiah 9:7; 62:1,7,11.

VI. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS SAVIOR – VS. 9a

- A. The multitude cried unto Jesus, “HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID.” The word “HOSANNA” means **“SAVE US NOW.”**
- B. Jesus is the **ONLY TRUE SAVIOR**. John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 John 4:14

VII. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS OF THE LINEAGE OF DAVID

-VS. 9b

- A. Jesus, is the **SEED OF DAVID**, according to the **DAVIDIC COVENANT (THE SEVENTH COVENANT OF GOD TO ISRAEL)** 2 Samuel 7:12-16
- B. Jesus is confirmed as the **SEED OF DAVID** in Matthew 1:1

VIII. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS THAT JESUS DESERVES PRAISE

– VS. 9c

- A. The phrase **“BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD”** is in all reality a call to **PRAISE AND WORSHIP JESUS** for Who He is.
- B. Even inanimate creation will give praise to Jesus as God
-Luke 19:40; Psalm 19:1

IX. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS GOD – VS. 9d.

- A. Jesus came in the **“NAME OF THE LORD”** because He is God
- B. Jesus truly is God and is to be worshipped – John 1;1-3,14; 8:38; 10:30

X. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY REVEALS JESUS AS A PROPHET – VS. 11

- A. Jesus is the **TRUE PROPHET OF GOD**.
- B. Stated prophetically and specifically – Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:19-23

LESSON AND APPLICATION

- 1) The entire theme of the **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM** is to present and state **WITHOUT QUESTION** that **JESUS CHRIST IS KING OF KINGS, GOD OF GODS AND SAVIOR OF SAVIORS OF THE WORLD**.
- 2) **OUR RESPONSE** to the **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM** should not be just to see it as a part of the narrative of the **“EASTER SEASON.”** But rather:

- To recognize Him as the **ONE AND ONLY TRUE SAVIOR**.
- To receive Him as our **PERSONAL SAVIOR**.
- To render true **WORSHIP AND PRAISE TO HIM**.

WITHOUT A DOUBT THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM IS A BIBLICAL REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST AS WELL AS A DIVINELY ORDERED CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE UNTO JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL THAT HE IS AND FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE REDEMPTIVE WORK OF GOD. RECOGNIZING, RECEIVING, PRAISING AND WORSHIPPING JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL HE IS TODAY, LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR US HONORING HIM IN HIS CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION.