

Come and See! Jesus is alive!

Blessed is He

Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12

<p>[Pray]</p> <p>Matthew 21:1-11</p> <p>The Lord has need of them What does God truly need? <u>Nothing.</u></p> <p>Psa 50:12 - "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world [is] Mine, and all its fullness. ... Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will use the things of this world to reveal Himself • And to show us our need for Him <p>Here, he's showing that we need a <u>different kind</u> of King</p> <p>One who rides a donkey (sign of peace, vs horse sign of warrior) He came in peace first to win the war</p> <p>When He <u>returns</u>? A horse. Warrior. Victor.</p> <p>Fulfilled, Zech 9:9, at least 300 fulfilled</p> <p><i>Fulfilling 8: calculated to be 1 in 10¹⁷ (one in 100 quadrillion), a figure often illustrated as picking one marked silver dollar from a layer covering the state of Texas two feet deep.</i></p> <p>Astronomically <u>impossible</u></p>	<p>Disciples clothes on donkey - saddle Crowd's clothes on the road <i>Chivalry's not dead</i></p> <p>Palm branches</p> <p><i>"The act of spreading out the garment was one of recognition, loyalty and promise of support." (Wiseman)</i></p> <p><i>"Carrying palm and other branches was emblematical of victory and success." DGC</i></p> <p>This was a political parade. Their king coming to free them from political oppression - in both their own king and under Rome</p> <p>Remember Herod's fears of a King born? <u>Not a king appointed.</u></p> <p>Rome had power, but heaven had the ultimate <u>authority</u></p> <p>Yet they cried hosanna "Save now"</p> <p>They recognized he was their savior from heaven but their eyes were only on the earthly</p> <p>Is Jesus just a means to get what you want? Are your desires, prayers just for the earthly?</p> <p>Son of David, kingly lineage Outlined in Matthew 1</p>
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All the city moved

- who is this?

People had come from all over to celebrate but not everyone had heard about or seen Jesus in action yet.

Who do you say that I am?

Mat 16:13-17 - When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" **So they said, "Some [say] John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ...

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed [this] to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Prophet, Lunatic or Liar? - CS Lewis

Jesus prophet -

- major office in Israel's history
- the kingly line and the spiritual line were separate.
- Although Solomon was wise, he was not priest.

Jesus is the prophet, the king & high priest.

Mark 11:1-11

On which no one has sat

The role of Jesus never done before, and never again

(only imposters, antichrists)

- God had used many people before
- Sent many prophets
- Raised up many kings
- Ordained a lineage of priests

But hadn't yet sent His son

Mat 21:37-44 - "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' "But when the vinedressers saw the

son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' "So they took him and cast [him] out of the vineyard and killed [him]. "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease [his] vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes' ? "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virgin mother - although she'd have more children, He was her firstborn • Virgin beast - perhaps this donkey went back to the owner and worked again First to win a war before it was fought, and win by losing • Virgin tomb - maybe it stayed in Joseph's family, maybe not First to raise and never die again 	<p>immediately The true servant of God obeys immediately, Delayed obedience is disobedience</p> <p>owner of donkeys looking to please God and be of use</p> <p>Didn't need more than a simple word to let what he had be put to use</p>
<p>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord</p> <p>Jesus is literally this - not just coming in the name of</p> <p>He IS the Name of the Lord</p>	<p>Jesus - Jehoshua - Yahweh is salvation</p> <p>Act 4:12 - "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."</p>
<p>Jesus goes to the temple</p> <p>Remember when he was a boy, 12 just about to be bar mitzvah'd, manhood</p> <p><i>Like Samuel left behind in the temple</i></p> <p>Luk 2:49 - And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"</p> <p>He gets straight to work. He's revealed who He is. He's about to be crowned King</p> <p><i>And like Solomon, is concerned about the heavenly</i></p> <p>Day 1, same day:</p>	<p>Mat 21:12-16 - Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" Then [the] blind and [the] lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"</p>

Luke 19:28-44

Said this...

After the three stewards, one buried the money and said he was a harsh, rigid man

Found just as He said

Not a coincidence

Remember Nathanael under the fig tree

Jhn 1:48-51 - Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, **You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!**" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."**

Isa 35:5-8 - Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, [There shall be] grass with reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it [shall be] for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

Praised God for the might works they'd seen

- miracles
- healings
- Lazarus

Jhn 20:29 - Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed [are] those who have not seen and [yet] have believed."**

Rom 10:17 - So then faith [comes] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Are you struggling with believing? With faith in God?

Faith doesn't come by seeing, but by hearing
Then you'll see.

Listen to His word! Simply hearing it will produce faith. If you can't hear. Let His word open your ears.

Mat 11:5 - "[The] blind see and [the] lame walk; [the] lepers are cleansed and [the] deaf hear; [the] dead are raised up and [the] poor have the gospel preached to them.

<p>Announce Jesus as King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tried to make Him a king in John 6</i> • <i>This same crowd would shout to crucify him a week later</i> • The flesh is fickle <p>Pharisees want Jesus to correct His disciples</p> <p>His answer? Stones would cry out</p>	<p>Isa 55:12 - "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap [their] hands.</p> <p>Are we crying out? Or are we stones in worship?</p> <p><i>Sometimes I wonder, if the pattern of our worship is too quiet, if our worship is stoic, have we seen the King? Have we believed? Have we been freed from anything?</i></p>
<p>Jesus <u>wept</u> over the city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus wept, Lazarus • God's city. God's people were lost. And it broke Jesus' heart. <p><i>Are we concerned for the people of God? The state of His church? Are we broken over the lost not believing?</i></p> <p>It is OK to be righteously angry over sin and injustice</p> <p>But are we concerned with each <u>individual</u>?</p>	<p>Because you did not know the time of your visitation</p> <p><u>Their calamity came because they could not recognize spiritual things</u></p> <p>Rebuked the crowds</p> <p>Luk 12:54-56 - Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. "And when [you see] the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. "Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how [is it] you do not discern this time?"</p>
<p>2Co 6:2 - For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now [is] the accepted time; behold, now [is] the day of salvation.</p>	<p>Jesus' Kingdom is one built on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freedom from sin & judgment • Making spiritually blind see • Making faithless-faith-filled • Broken to joyful • Dead to being alive

<p>John 12:12-19</p> <p>Remember, all this before the <u>Passover</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus, Passover • Big deal nationally, heritage <p>Messiah - King, Savior, high Priest</p>	<p>Fear not daughter of Zion your king is <u>coming</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are we afraid? • Have we forgotten our King is coming? • And coming <u>soon!</u> <p>Nothing left to happen before the rapture</p> <p>2nd coming of Christ - just like the first Is not one singular event, but a series of events</p>
<p>Disciples didn't understand So close, yet so far</p> <p>When Jesus was glorified - the cross, the resurrection, the days after the resurrection until the ascension</p> <p>Phi 2:8-11 - And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to [the point of] death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</p>	<p><u>Then they remembered</u> John 6 Flesh profits nothing John 14:26 Holy spirit brings to remembrance</p> <p>Disciples didn't realize But others did</p> <p><i>Are you too close to your troubles? Look up.</i></p> <p>he had raised Lazarus from the dead (Pharisees wanted to kill Lazarus) And it was a big deal</p> <p>He'd be mocked on the cross to save himself from death</p>
<p>The whole world went after him - exaggeration</p> <p><u>If only!</u> <u>The millennial Kingdom will prove on earth how good a King he is</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The real power of God • The real messenger of God makes the religious Pharisees jealous 	<p>They're in it for the crowds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is in it for each of us, individually • A good shepherd, Leaving the 99 to save the 1 <p>The crowd would come and go Rally for and riot against The disciples would betray, flee and deny, one stayed, John knew Jesus loved him</p>

<p>Do you know God loves you?</p> <p>That all of this was leading up to the ultimate act of love?</p> <p>Prophesied in the beginning In the garden</p> <p>The king's son sent to ransom you God revealed not in a parade</p> <p>But at the cross of on a hill that looked like a skull, calvary</p>	<p><u>Don't wait for tomorrow to come - it may never</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another false promise of a politician • A crowd to follow <p><u>Your King has already come for you</u></p> <p>He already has revealed himself to you</p> <p>Time and time again, and right now</p>
<p>The Lord has need of you Will you go after Him?</p> <p>Do you hear His voice?</p>	<p>Today, this palm sunday, proclaim Him as your king</p> <p>Your Savior, Your God</p> <p>And follow Him wherever he takes you</p>