

Topical

Reasonable Service

Matthew 21:1-11, Romans 12:1-2

This happens once in a while - something heavy on my heart for some time, thinking about it, the Lord leading me to it and through it

Well this has been on my heart heavy for a few weeks

With it being Palm Sunday, I felt I couldn't gloss over that with our Revelation study, but also felt it important to share.

And I think these two things go well together.

My Aunt Mary Jane emailed me this week about something the Lord had ministered to her about and it only added to what was already stewing and stirring in my soul.

But don't forget about Revelation in all of this. Jesus, Revealed. Who he is. It's a valuable perspective in what we'll look at today.

And because things are happening so fast (and it's fun), I have to share just a few **headlines**

Pakistan: Christians Relegated to Manually Cleaning Sewers

<https://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2022/04/07/pakistan-christians-relegated-manually-cleaning-sewers/>

New Chinese Law Bans the Word 'Christ' on Social Media, Says it Causes 'Incitement'

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/new-chinese-law-bans-the-word-christ-on-social-media-says-it-causes-incitement.html>

(despite the existence of a state church, mind you)

'When You Think ESG, You Should Be Thinking CCP': Peter Thiel

https://www.theepochtimes.com/when-you-think-esg-you-should-be-thinking-ccp-peter-thiel_4392583.html

"environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG)"

Airport Robot Watches Human Faces, Narcs On Anyone Without A Mask

New security robots will stare at travelers' faces and report any potential crimes, or mask slippages, that happen on their watch

<https://valiantnews.com/2022/04/welcome-to-the-future-airport-robot-watches-human-faces-narcs-on-anyone-without-a-mask/>

School Orders Team to Remove 'Pray for Peace' Shirts

<https://www.toddstarnes.com/campus/too-religious-school-orders-team-to-remove-pray-for-peace-shirts/>

Are we witnessing the beginning of de-dollarization?

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/3262514-are-we-witnessing-the-beginning-of-de-dollarization/>

The planned removal of the US dollar as the global currency

[Pray]

Matthew 21:1-11

**Immediately find a donkey tied
If anyone says to you**

Jesus knew there was someone there with animals, who loved God, who maybe even had it on his heart to leave them out

Or if God asked him to do something, give something, he was ready and willing

Ananias, Acts 9

He will send them immediately

Immediately shows up a bunch here and in the book of Mark

Immediately - eutheos - means, immediately

No delay

Two sons, one says he will obey the other says no but one regrets it and does what his father asked...who was the obedient one?

[Jas 4:13-17 NKJV] 13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what [will happen] tomorrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you [ought] to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. **17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do [it], to him it is sin.**

Your king is coming, humble

Donkey, not an animal of war, peace

Rider in Revelation claims to be peaceful, but he's a false messiah

A very large crowd

Garments on road (how chivalrous)
Branches cut down

In front and behind

Hosanna

Hosanna day

Oh save!

Exclamation of adoration

The crowd loves him!

Their waiting for the Messiah to save them from the tyranny of Rome
But he wasn't coming to directly to that - indirectly, as a matter of result sure
But he was coming to save them from the spiritual tyranny of sin

Are we waiting for him to save us from the tyranny of this life?
Or have we realized that this life isn't the one we're living for?

Jesus is a king. No doubt about it. He is king of heaven and here shows that he's king of earth. But he came here. When he comes back he's coming with a sword.

But he's a spiritual king overall. The spiritual kingdom precedes the earthly one.
It is a greater kingship.

[1Ti 6:11-16 NKJV] 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and [before] Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep [this] commandment without spot, **blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, [He who is] the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom [be] honor and everlasting power. Amen.**

Entire city moved

Who is he?

The realized he's a prophet, but they didn't realize that he was eternal king...

**A week later...potentially much of the same crowd would shout
"Crucify him!"**

It's interesting to see what happens and what Jesus says and does during this next week before the crucifixion and Resurrection. Take a look for yourself this week.

Romans 12:1-2

I urge you *therefore*

Romans 11:29-36, if time

The gifts and calling are irrevocable

Let this time together, these bits of God's word be an urging for us

Parakleao - holy spirit, paraklete

Admonish, call to one's side

Summon

Beg

Encourage, strengthen, instruct, teach

That we serve a King. THE KING.

Lord of the Rings, Pippin & Merry - serving (good) king of Rohan and steward (wicked) of Gondor

Bodies a living sacrifice

Holy

Acceptable to God

Reasonable service of worship

Reasonable - pertaining to the reason or logic

[Isa 1:18-20 NKJV] 18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Serving the good king makes sense

It's logical, adds up, it's not a burden

It isn't unreasonable

Jesus dying is unreasonable

Think about who he is and what it was and what it meant

Prove what is the good and acceptable will of God

Do our lives prove it?

Does our willingness to serve?

What is the reasonable response to the unreasonable service of Jesus?

Phil 2:6

Laying our lives down.