

Easter 2024

## The Coming King

Matthew 21:1-11, 26:1-5

**The difference a week makes!**

Last Sunday, 60's, had church outside!

Today, 20's and snow!

### Easter

- EASTER / Ishtar - Resurrection!
- Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday

### Matthew

- Matthew, Levi the tax collector
- Left his job, his money. Tax collector friends were probably his.
- **Starts of his Gospel with the genealogy of Jesus**
- **A king's right to a throne**
- **Jesus' Father is God**
- **But Both earthly father and mother are in the line**
- **Son of David, Son of Abraham. Kingly line, children of faith**

[Luk 1:31-33 NKJV] 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

[Gal 3:5-7 NKJV] 5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, [does He do it] by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?-- 6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 7 Therefore know that [only] those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

[Pray]

**:1-3**

***This Is Jesus message (2/4)***

Who is He? What is He really like? Are our perceptions of Him correct? Do we think of Him accurately? Do we really know the One we worship?

**The immediacy of the disciples**

### **The Lord Has Need of Them**

The owner of the donkey knew God and served Him  
 Willing to let go of something just because the disciples said so  
 Trust - early walk

**We should be submitted to the things of the Lord - His Word. His commands. But more personally, His Call.**

After all, He is King.

## **:4-5**

**All this was done that it might be fulfilled**

Everything Jesus did was **not just out of obedience, but fulfillment** of God's Word

*Baptism*

**[Mat 5:17 NKJV] 17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

*Kings in our day and age seem bent on destroying everything, to rebuild things in their image, or in their estimation of right and wrong. Tearing down everything that is Holy.*

*Josiah and the High Places - heard the word, went out and did something about it*

**Jesus will destroy this World, but He does it to fulfill God's word. Because the World is broken, destroyed already, by sin.**

**[Jhn 2:18-22 NKJV] 18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.**

**The Pharisees were concerned about an earthly Kingdom first. Their Kingdom of power and rules and religion and birthright.**

**Their King, despite all their words, was a King of This World**

**[Jhn 19:14-15 NKJV] 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But they cried out, "Away**

**with [Him], away with [Him]! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"**

**They were saying it for political motivation to pit Pilate against Caesar if he disagreed, but without realizing it, they were speaking the truth.**

**They missed Jesus because the king they wanted was not the King God prescribed**  
 God wanted to be Israel's king, but they wanted a man, like the nations around them  
 Saul - tall, handsome, known. People wanted him. But he was not fit.

**Do not we look for a man (or woman) to be the answer we're looking for?**

Do we put all our hope in earthly power and politics?

Yes, we should absolutely be involved - but it is not our primary goal. We know what happens to this earth just as much as Peter would one day - burned up

**The world is getting ready for a coming king**, but the one they want today is NOT Jesus  
 He will reign, shortly, in place of him  
 Over politics. Over religion. Over everyday life. And it will not be good. But it will still fulfill scripture, whether he likes it or not.

David eventually would fit the bill, but even he, a man after God's own heart, would fail

**The only King fit to be one is Jesus**

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**Laid their clothes on the donkey and the road**

Not just some chivalrous act

Clothes were expensive and you didn't usually have many outer garments. Washing clothes was not easy.

*DGC:*

*Wiseman says of the spreading out of garments for Jehu in 2 Kings 9:13: "The act of spreading out the garment was one of recognition, loyalty and promise of support."  
 (Wiseman)*

*Carrying palm and other branches was emblematical of victory and success*

**They were putting on the campaign t-shirts, bumper stickers, yard signs and hats for King Jesus and were decrying a victory over their oppression by his arrival**

**But the deliverance he was bringing was not one of Israel's autonomy from the tyranny or Rome, it was from the worst tyranny of all, the power of sin and from the ruler of this age - the enemy**

**They were expecting another Moses, to deliver them out of the bondage of Egypt**

**Their eyes were in the wrong place - in the dirt around them vs. the heavens above  
They wanted physical deliverance more than spiritual salvation**

## **:9-11**

### **Spurgeon**

*iii. In one way, this crowd was glorious. "It is a mark of Christ's presence when the church becomes enthusiastic. We sometimes hear complaints about revivals being too exciting. Perhaps the censure is deserved, but I would like to see a little of the fault. This age does not generally sin in the direction of being too excited concerning divine things. We have erred so long on the other side that, perhaps, a little excess in the direction of fervor might not be the worst of all calamities; at any rate, I would not fear to try it." (Spurgeon)*

*iv. In another way, this crowd was ridiculous — in worldly eyes. "Why, if Pilate himself had heard about it he would have said — 'Ah! There is nothing much to fear from that. There is no fear that that man will ever upset Caesar; there is no fear that he will ever overturn an army. Where are their swords? There is not a sword among them! They have no cries that sound like rebellion; their songs are only some religious verses taken out of the Psalms.' 'Oh!' says he, 'the whole thing is contemptible and ridiculous.'" (Spurgeon)*

### **Hosanna means save now!**

They recognized Jesus for who is was and is - the Messiah  
But their ideas about the Messiah were off

**When we praise Jesus, when we thank Him, when we put the ichthus on our cars**

**Are we just praising him for earthly victories?**

**Are we looking forward to the heavenly kingdom?**

*Waking up this week, longing to wake up in heaven*

**He is the king of all, of both, but which is most important to Him and to us?**

To Him it's eternity. It's why he doesn't give us everything we want in this life, it's why he allows struggle as an opportunity for refinement

**Jesus doesn't want you prosperous if it means a sick spirit.**

And he taught if you're spiritually wealthy you've got more riches than anything on earth can buy

[Jhn 18:33-37 NKJV] 33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say [rightly] that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

In just a week they'd deny him, their deliverance was not coming as he spoke against this world

They were fickle - *types of soil - wayside, rocky, thorny, good*

It only took a week to go from hot to cold, for our weather and the hearts of the people in Jerusalem

### **The whole city was moved**

Nobody missed it. Everyone heard about it. Everyone began thinking about Jesus. Prayerfully God would do that in our city this week. In our state. In our country. To quote Joe Rogan again, "We need Jesus!"

**This Is Jesus** - He doesn't want us to miss him.

His riding into town was him revealing who He really is to the world - King God's son. God's chosen King. To free people from sin and usher in a heavenly kingdom, one in which hell will not prevail against.

Our prayer, as his people, in His army

[Mat 6:10 NKJV] 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as [it is] in heaven.

Not that we don't ask for things, of course, but in the end or the beginning, that we'd align our will with his - that ultimately the desire is to bring about more of His Kingdom, than our own

## **Matthew 26:1-5**

Interesting passages, parables, end times lessons given in this week before Passover and the crucifixion - encourage you to read them

Revealed the end of an earthly kingdom, the coming Heavenly Kingdom  
And the people ruling over God's people didn't like it

Jesus, riding into Jerusalem, knew what was coming. Knew that this was all leading up to the cross. His coronation as King with a crown of thorns.

*Every kingdom on earth is established in blood - wars for freedom, for land, for expansion, for defense, many motives - but usually the blood comes from the people, not the king*

Like Moses and the command to put blood on the doorposts to protect from the angel of death, Jesus knew it was His blood that was required, His sacrifice, a sacrifice only the real King could provide, would be enough to save all people

[Psa 24:7-10 NKJV] 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who [is] this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He [is] the King of glory. Selah

[Rev 5:11-14 NKJV] 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power [Be] to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

[Phi 2:9-11 NKJV] 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 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, 11 and [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This week: think on our King. Find ways to lay down our lives and garments for Him. Pray for and look forward to the coming Kingdom