

**Pastor Dave – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

**Journey to The Cross**

**Title - The Kings Has Come.**

**John 12:12-19 – Luke 19:28-44**

These passages typically read on Palm Sunday.

Some scholars would say that the Triumphant Entry happened on the Monday and not on the Sunday – not that we are going to be getting into this!

The Passion Week is one of a handful of events that appear in all four gospels.

- It kicks off several events and teaching moments that Jesus has before he goes to the cross.

What Jesus did on the Cross of Calvary is the focal point of history.

The gospels devote significant energy to this the last week of Jesus life.

Matthew - ¼ of his gospel - Ch 21- 28

Mark - 1/3 of his gospel - Ch 11 to the end

Luke - 1/5 of his gospel - Ch 12 – 21

John - ½ of his gospel - to the last week of Jesus life.

A total of 89 chapters.

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus are the climatic events of history.

Happening at Passover – the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the first month – the month of Nissan.

Read all four accounts of the triumphal entry of Jesus.

## **Matthew 21:1-11 Christian Standard Bible**

### The Triumphal Entry

**21** When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

**<sup>5</sup> Tell Daughter Zion,  
“See, your King is coming to you,  
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt,  
the foal of a donkey.”**<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

***Hosanna*** to the Son of David!  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord!**<sup>[b]</sup>  
***Hosanna*** in the highest heaven!

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## **Mark 11:1-11 Christian Standard Bible**

### The Triumphal Entry

**11** When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.’”

<sup>4</sup> So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, <sup>5</sup> and some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go.

<sup>7</sup> They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted:

***Hosanna!***

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!<sup>[b]</sup>**

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom  
of our father David!

***Hosanna*** in the highest heaven!

<sup>11</sup> He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

## **Luke 19:28-44 Christian Standard Bible**

### The Triumphal Entry

<sup>28</sup> When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent

two of the disciples <sup>30</sup> and said, “Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say this: ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent left and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> “The Lord needs it,” they said. <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their clothes on the colt, they helped Jesus get on it. <sup>36</sup> As he was going along, they were spreading their clothes on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now he came near the path down the Mount of Olives, and the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen:

**<sup>38</sup> Blessed is the King who comes  
in the name of the Lord.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heaven!

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

<sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out.”

Jesus’s Love for Jerusalem

<sup>41</sup> As he approached and saw the city, he wept for it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “If you knew this day what would bring peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come on you when your enemies will build a barricade around you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you and your children among you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone on another in your midst, because you did not recognize the time when God visited you.”

## John 12:12-19 Christian Standard Bible

### The Triumphal Entry

<sup>12</sup> The next day, when the large crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> they took palm branches and went out to meet him. They kept shouting:

***“Hosanna!***

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord<sup>[a]</sup> —the King of Israel!”**

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written:

**<sup>15</sup> Do not be afraid,  
Daughter Zion. Look, your King is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt.<sup>[b]</sup>**

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first. However, when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

<sup>17</sup> Meanwhile, the crowd, which had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>18</sup> This is also why the crowd met him, because they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> Then the Pharisees said to one another, “You see? You’ve accomplished nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

The gospel accounts compliment one another they don’t contradict one another.

- The bible does not contradict itself.

**Matt 21:1-11 – Focus – Jesus is the King of the Jews – The coming King.**

1. Let us know that there are 2 animals – a donkey and a colt.
2. How people responded to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem – City in uproar.

“How is this”? was the question being asked.

- A prophecy fulfilled.

#### Mark 11:1-11

- writing Peter's account – he records that the colt had never been ridden before which is significant, when we understand it from Matthew's point of view.
- The donkey accompanying the colt would have calmed the animal in order for Jesus to ride it.
- Blessed is the coming Kingdom.
- Jesus goes into the temple and looks around.

Mark was writing to a Roman audience – his writing is more dynamic and faster pace.

#### Luke 19: 28-44

- Luke also records that the donkey had never been sat on before as well.
- He records the people there – the owners of the colt.
- The Pharisees confronted Jesus about what had been said about him in praise.
- He mentions why Jesus weeps over His people.

Jesus responds as he approaches the people and the city.

#### John 12:12-19

- John – on the deity of Christ.
- John records the different feasts and festivals – Passover – Pilgrimage Festival.

Together the gospels are a robust picture of exactly what was happening.

- The details highlighting that.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month – the people would gather together each bringing a lamb as a family – that they were going to sacrifice for their sins.

- Referencing the sacrifices seen in the book of Exodus.

- The last plague that God brought on Pharaoh forcing him to release the people of Israel.

This is when the Lamb of God rides into the city of Jerusalem.

### **3 Points**

- Coming on a colt is not a coincidence – the one and only time Jesus travels on an animal.

**Question** – Why now?

- Declaring that Jesus is coming as The King of The Jews.

Matthew spends a lot of time on this.

John focuses on Jesus the Passover Lamb.

### **Matthew 21:4-5 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>4</sup> This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

<sup>5</sup> **Tell Daughter Zion,**

**“See, your King is coming to you,  
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt,  
the foal of a donkey.”<sup>[a]</sup>**

- Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy.
- 1 specific mention in the book of Matthew.
- Fulfillment of Zachariah 9:9

### **Zachariah 9:9 Christian Standard Bible**

The Coming of Zion’s King

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem!

Look, your King is coming to you;  
he is righteous and victorious,<sup>[a]</sup>  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

### **Isaiah 62:11 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>11</sup> Look, the LORD has proclaimed  
to the ends of the earth,  
“Say to Daughter Zion:  
Look, your salvation is coming,  
his wages are with him,  
and his reward accompanies him.”

They would not have expected a King to be riding in on a donkey.

- Peace Time on a donkey.
- War Time on a horse.

Jesus was coming to bring peace – presenting himself as a lamb – their Passover Lamb.

### **Point #1 – People Want Jesus on Their Own Terms.**

- This was seen in how people responded to Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem.
- Thinking he was coming as a King to rescue them from their roman oppressors.

Shouting – “Hosanna” – meaning Save Us Now – Mentioned in John, mark and Luke.

**Question** – What were they want him to save them from?

- They were not thinking that he was coming to die on the cross for their sin.  
Jesus says a number of times that he has come to die – to his disciples in particular,  
who didn't get it.

- They expected him to come as a conquering King to defeat their enemy.
- Hosanna – Blessed is He who comes in the name of the of the Lord.



## Matthew 21:9 Christian Standard Bible

<sup>9</sup> Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

*Hosanna* to the Son of David!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord!**<sup>[a]</sup>

*Hosanna* in the highest heaven!

Reference made to Psalm 118.

Also, the rich young ruler who wanted to Jesus to come on his own terms.

- Jesus not fitting the bill in their eyes.

They were not necessarily saying this about Jesus because they had said it before to another guy prior to Jesus - **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**<sup>[a]</sup>

- Again, wanting Jesus to come on their terms.

Jesus was coming to inaugurate a spiritual kingdom.

People today do the same thing; they want Jesus on their own terms.

- Like a little bit of seasoning on life!

This isn't what Jesus confronted people with.

## John 6:41-42 Christian Standard Bible

<sup>41</sup> Therefore the Jews started grumbling about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Isn't this Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

- Jesus – "You are only following me because you want more food"!

Who He said He was, was not who they wanted Him to be!

## John 19:12-15 Christian Standard Bible

<sup>12</sup> From that moment Pilate kept trying<sup>[a]</sup> to release him. But the Jews shouted, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Anyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar!”

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge’s seat in a place called the Stone Pavement (but in Aramaic,<sup>[b]</sup> *Gabbatha*). <sup>14</sup> It was the preparation day for the Passover, and it was about noon.<sup>[c]</sup> Then he told the Jews, “Here is your king!”

<sup>15</sup> They shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?”

“We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.

- The people talking to Pilot – “We don’t want this man to rule over us”!

Verse 15 - They shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

- “We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.

We tend to be like this in our times of prayer – asking God to do our will as opposed to His.

### **Point #2 – What the Bible says Jesus is, is more reliable than what people think.**

The people of Israel wanted a conquering King not a peaceful King!

- They should have known what the Old Testament said about the coming Messiah.

The religious leaders didn’t like things like Jesus telling the lady to go sin no more – in [John 8:1-11](#).

Similarly with the woman at the well in [John 4:1-26](#).

- They didn't like Jesus referencing himself being the Messiah.

Many times, people don't want to be confronted with and have to deal with the sin in their life.

- They want the fluffy stuff.

When we read Luke 19 – there would have been approximately 2 million people in the city of Jerusalem at that time.

- 260,000 Lambs would have been slaughtered – this representing families at the Passover.

This volume of people – the triumphal entry of a king – stirring up the whole city.

- This then being bigger than we may have envisaged in our minds.
- People who have witnessed the miracles.
- People who have heard and now want to see.
- Plus, the Pharisees.

Jesus as he rides in is weeping!

- Because they have no idea who he is and what he is about to do – the significance of this event.

Jesus' thinking – "If you knew what was happening today"!

Broken hearted for the people.

### **Luke 19:43-44 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>43</sup> For the days will come on you when your enemies will build a barricade around you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you and your children among you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone on another in your midst, because you did not recognize the time when God visited you."

- This is talking about when the Romans will come in A.D. 70 and level Jerusalem.

The people not willing to recognise Jesus.

- Harkening people back to –

### **Daniel 9:25-26 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>25</sup> Know and understand this:

From the issuing of the decree  
to restore and rebuild Jerusalem  
until an Anointed One, the ruler,<sup>[a]</sup>  
will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks.  
It will be rebuilt with a plaza and a moat,  
but in difficult times.

<sup>26</sup> After those sixty-two weeks

the Anointed One will be cut off  
and will have nothing.

The people of the coming ruler  
will destroy the city and the sanctuary.<sup>[b]</sup>

The<sup>[c]</sup> end will come with a flood,  
and until the end there will be<sup>[d]</sup> war;  
desolations are decreed.

- 7 7's – the number coming to 483 years – timing putting it about when Jesus would be riding in on a colt.
- Propheying the coming of the Messiah and His crucifixion.
- They should have and could have recognised the Messiah coming to save them from their sin.

Pastor Dave mentioned how he had really pondered on how Jesus had wept at this time.

- Even the disciples didn't clue in until after the crucifixion.

Jesus saying – “I am the way and the truth” – He isn't worried about who people say he is and what they wanted Him to be.

## Acts 4:10-12 Christian Standard Bible

<sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing here before you healthy. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is

**the stone rejected by you builders,  
which has become the cornerstone.<sup>[a]</sup>**

<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

- <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you.

**Question** – What should we be saying and to who?

**Point #3** – **There are observers of Jesus and there are followers of Jesus.**

John highlights those that were there.

Four different groups of people.

- His followers and disciples there.
- Pharisees
- Crowd that had been with Jesus when he raised Lazarus. Telling people all about Jesus.
- People there seeing the signs and miracles, but still asking for the signs – [John 6](#)
- Then the crowd that had heard about the signs and wanted to check him out.

Those who were Observers and those who were Followers.

- Observers of Jesus

WE are called to be Followers.

- Followers of Jesus

**Question** – Are you an observer of Jesus or are you a follower of Jesus.

- Follows know what Jesus calls them to.

Jesus says this to those that want to follow Him.

Matthew 10:32-39 Christian Standard Bible

### **Acknowledging Christ**

<sup>32</sup> “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> Don’t assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I came to turn

**a man against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;**

<sup>36</sup> **and a man’s enemies will be  
the members of his household.<sup>[a]</sup>**

<sup>37</sup> The one who loves a father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; the one who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> And whoever doesn’t take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Anyone who finds his life will lose it, and anyone who loses his life because of me will find it.

Jesus is saying...

- Being a follower of Jesus is costly.

Speaking a reality that it will put us odds with those around us – our friends and our family.

For those who are willing to bend the knee.

- Jesus is saying, our love for Him needs to far surpass the love we have for our family.

## **Luke 9:58 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>58</sup> Jesus told him, “Foxes have dens, and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

- There is a cost to following Jesus.

Another example –

## **Matthew 8:21-22 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>21</sup> “Lord,” another of his disciples said, “first let me go bury my father.”

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus told him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

- What the disciple is saying here is – “I will follow you on my time frame”.

Jesus’ response is “NO – if you want to follow me, follow me today”.

## **Matthew 16:24-26 Christian Standard Bible**

Take Up Your Cross

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life?”

**Question** – Are we willing to follow Jesus no matter what the cost?

- Jesus gave His life – the ultimate cost.

**Question** – Is Jesus our Saviour and our King?

**Question** – Are we living like light, or have we put ourselves back on the throne?

**Question** – Have we confessed these things?

“Lord, I have sinned against you. I confess it and I want to get back right with you.