

# Rejoice Greatly! Your King Has Come!

Luke 19:28-48

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- I. Introduction
  - a.
- II. KEY THOUGHT: The triumphal entry is a demonstration of five reasons we serve, love and praise Jesus Christ, our King
- III. He is all-knowing and all-powerful – v. 28-37
  - a. He know where the colt was and how to proceed in acquiring it for his use
    - i. He knew what was in man – Jn 2:25
    - ii. He knows all things
  - b. The multitudes were praising Him, in part, for the miracles He had performed
    - i. Commanding the wind and waves – Mark 4:41
    - ii. Luke 6:17-19 - All were trying to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all
    - iii. Raising the dead – John 11:43-44
  - c. This alone is reason to serve Him
    - i. He knows all, and can do all things
    - ii. We would be foolish to resist Him
    - iii. Or refuse to submit to him
    - iv. Simply from self-preservation
  - d. But Jesus is much more than an awesome, powerful, fearful king
    - i. He is a king who enjoys total love and devotion from His subjects
    - ii. They love him
    - iii. And praise Him
    - iv. Why? Let's look at what else is demonstrated about Jesus on this occasion
- IV. He is a humble king - v. 35
  - a. Humble, riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey
    - i. In fulfillment of Zech 9:9
    - ii. As pointed out by Matthew 21:5
    - iii. His humility is one of His trademarks
      - 1. Whether it is washing the disciples feet – John 13
      - 2. Or His incarnation as a whole – Phil 2:3-11
  - b. What was missing – Typical for the triumphal entry of a Roman emperor or general –
    - i. SOURCE: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman\\_triumph](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_triumph)
    - ii. No royal welcome by the leaders of the people
    - iii. No trumpets being blown
    - iv. No carts filled with the spoils of His conquests
    - v. No animals being lead to be sacrificed in His honor
    - vi. No conquered kings and nobles in chains

- vii. No personal bodyguard surrounding him
  - viii. No horse-drawn chariot to carry Him
    - 1. Or platform carried by men
  - ix. No officers and soldiers following in His train.
  - c. Just riding on a donkey
    - i. His humility draws us to Him
      - 1. "Come to me, for I am meek and lowly in heart" – Matt. 11:28-29
      - 2. If I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to me – Jn. 12:32
      - 3. As great as He is, He is lowly enough to accept service from a weeping, sinful woman – Luke 7:37-39
      - 4. He will surely accept service from me, with all my flaws as failings
- V. He comes in the name of the Lord – v. 38
- a. The Almighty Heavenly Father sent Him
    - i. From the beginning of His ministry this was His claim – Luke 4:18-21 NASB "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
    - ii. They knew he was a teacher come from God, because no one could do the signs He did unless God was with him – Jn. 3:2
    - iii. But some denied His claims – Jn. 5:43
  - b. He came as a savior
    - i. From Psalm 118:19-29
      - 1. They would sing or recite this psalm every year as they entered Jerusalem for the feast
        - a. The righteous enter into these gates – Ps. 118: 19-20
      - 2. But it is particularly fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and especially at that very moment
        - a. He is the stone which the builders were in the process of rejecting, and would become the chief cornerstone
        - b. He is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
        - c. And he is the Passover sacrifice that is being tied to the horns of the altar by his decision to enter into Jerusalem, because the time has now come for the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world to give his life a ransom for many

- ii. So how fitting that of all the things that were being said in praise of Jesus and His heavenly Father, the words of this Psalm come to the forefront
        - 1. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
        - 2. Hosanna – Save, we pray Psalm. 18:25
- VI. All creation worships and serves Him – v. 39-40
  - a. His disciples loved Him – v. 35-36
    - i. They put their coats on the ground, so the donkey he rode on would not have to step on the dirt
    - ii. How much devotion did they have for Jesus!
    - iii. How much they delighted in Him!
  - b. The rocks would cry out if his disciples do not
    - i. All things praise Him – Psalm 98
    - ii. Lord may we!
- VII. He is a compassionate king – v. 41-44
  - a. Even for those who hated him and sought to destroy Him
    - i. Father, forgive them – Luke 23:34
    - ii. Do not weep for me, but for your children – Luke 23:27-31
  - b. He wept over them
    - i. An amazing contrast!
    - ii. All his disciples and the crowds rejoicing and praising
    - iii. The central figure in the celebration is weeping
  - c. We should share His compassion for the lost and dying
    - i. Yes rejoice, our king has come and is coming again
    - ii. But let us also weep for the erring and straying
    - iii. And be active in seeking and saving the lost
    - iv. Just as Jesus did, and was doing even as this celebration was in progress
- VIII. He is a holy king – v 45-46
  - a. Though He has compassion for the sinful, He does not tolerate sin
    - i. He desires a relationship with us, in spite of our sins
    - ii. But one in which He cleanses and removes from us our sin, guilt and defilement
    - iii. He is compassionate, but he demands commitment
      - 1. We cheat ourselves if we desire a soft Savior
      - 2. Content with a half-hearted commitment from us
      - 3. Permitting us to live sinful lives as long as we don't do anything TOO SHOCKING
      - 4. We respect those who have high expectations of us
        - a. Jesus has the highest expectations
        - b. Because He knows our true potential more than anyone else
        - c. And He calls us to fulfill it
          - i. Both in separation from sin
          - ii. And in devotion to service
  - b. He purged Herod's temple on that day

- i. He continues to purge temples today
- ii. Our bodies are a temple – 1 Cor. 6:19-20
  - 1. Not for immorality
  - 2. Or for any other sin
- iii. The church is the temple – 1 Cor. 3:16-17
  - 1. God will defend it
  - 2. And destroy those who defile or seek to destroy it
- iv. Our bodies and our churches need purged and preserved as well
  - 1. A house of prayer
  - 2. NOT a den of thieves

IX. Conclusion

- a. Would you like to have been there to see the triumphal entry?
  - i. We celebrate the coming of Jesus in our worship together every week:
    - 1. Into the world
    - 2. Into our lives
    - 3. Until He comes again
- b. We have the same reasons for serving, loving and worshipping Jesus Christ that they did on that day
  - i. Review Six Reasons, to serve, love and worship our King
    - 1. And even more
  - ii. So there is no reason for Jesus to receive any less praise in our assembly each week than he did that day
    - 1. Luke 19:37 NASB As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,
    - 2. Matthew 18:20 NASB "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."
  - iii. No reason for us to serve him with any less love or devotion day in and day out
  - iv. No reason for us to allow anything trivial or temporal to prevent us from coming together with those who love him as much as he do to celebrate
    - 1. Who He Is
    - 2. What He Has Done For Us
    - 3. His Triumph over Sin and Death
- c. Will you join us in loving, serving and praising Jesus as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?
  - i. 1 Tim. 6:13-16 – We must serve and worship Him
  - ii. Rev. 17:14 – The only alternative is to resist Him
  - iii. Rev. 19:11-16 –
    - 1. If we serve Him, we can ride with Him in triumph when His glory is fully revealed
    - 2. If we resist Him, we will be struck down by the sword of His mouth

d. He deserves all praise