

WHO IS THIS?

(The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem)

Jesus is the revelation of God in flesh. Let us welcome Him in our hearts, live victoriously, and reign with Him.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Palm Sunday is a Christian observance that falls on the Sunday before Easter. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event that we can find in each book of the gospels.
- ❖ According to the John 12:1, Jesus was in Bethany six days before the Passover. He sent two disciples ahead to the nearby village of Bethphage to get a donkey and a colt.
- ❖ Jesus then rode into Jerusalem in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9: "...Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."
- ❖ Traditionally, entering a city on a donkey was a symbol of peace, as opposed to a war-waging king riding on a horse.
- ❖ Though Jesus had been to Jerusalem several times to celebrate feasts, His final entry had a special meaning. This time, He entered as a King of Peace.
- ❖ Matthew suggests that Jesus' entry evoked great excitement – "all the city was moved" (Matt. 21:10).
- ❖ Many sang praises, part of Psalm 118:26: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the House of the Lord."
- ❖ Others asked, "Who is this?" and the multitudes answered, "This is Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth of Galilee" (Matt. 21:10-11).
- ❖ Jesus Himself was interested in who people thought He was, and Peter confessed his revelation of the Christ in Matthew 16: 15-16.
- ❖ Apostle Paul reminded the Colossians who Jesus is: "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. ¹⁰And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power" (2:9-10).
- ❖ By definition, "Godhead" is the fullness of absolute deity. And qualifying "the fullness" with "all" emphasizes that anything less than "all" would not be "the fullness".
- ❖ If all we know is Jesus, we know enough; for when we have Him, we have everything that God is.
- ❖ The following scriptures tell us more about Jesus.
 - Acts 4:12: Jesus is **the only source of** – and His name **the only name given for – salvation.**
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4: Jesus is **the fulfillment of the gospel** (good news) of all scripture.
 - Ephesians 2:19-20: Jesus is the **Chief Cornerstone.**
 - Philippians 2:10-11: **Every knee will bow at His name.**
 - Colossians 1:15: He is the **image of the invisible God**
 - 1 Timothy 3:16, I John 3:5: Jesus is **God manifested in the flesh** to become **our Saviour**

KEY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-11

- ❖ God said of Himself to Moses, "I am that I am" (Exodus 3:14). And in the New Testament Jesus (the fullness of the Godhead in flesh), makes many "I am" statements:
 - John 6:35: **I am** The Bread of Life.
 - John 8:12: **I am** the Light of the World.
 - John 10:9: **I am** the Door.
 - John 10:11: **I am** the Good Shepherd.
 - John 11:25: **I am** the Resurrection and the Life.
 - John 14:6: **I am** the Way the Truth and the Life.
 - John 15:1-2: **I am** the True Vine.
 - John 8:58: Before Abraham was **I am**.
 - John 10:30: "I and my Father are one."
 - Revelation 1:8: **I am** the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning, and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
 - Revelation 1:18: **I am** He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades (hell) and of Death.
- ❖ Who is this? This same Jesus we are talking about is coming back one day! (Acts 1:10-11)
- ❖ As we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we can also welcome Him today to live and reign in our hearts until that day of His second coming.
- ❖ In Jesus we can live a peaceful life, and we have the assurance of eternal salvation. He said:

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest in your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-29)
- ❖ Let us live with endurance, in peace, in holiness and brotherly kindness as we wait to welcome His return, just as He said.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Reviewing all that has been said about Jesus in this lesson (and any other scriptures that come to mind), share how various aspects of His nature have affected your life and could affect the lives of others.
2. What aspect(s) of Jesus do you want to understand better?
3. Reflect: Identify one thing you will diligently practice, to develop your knowledge of Jesus.

PRAYER TIME

Lord, I desire to know You more. Help me to learn of You in Your Word. In Jesus' name.

Start-up: Think of someone who knows you best and/or who would you say you know best (other than a spouse)? How did you get to know them?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🧠 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

*Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-CHURCH SERVICES RESUME

Date: Sunday, April 4th (Easter Sunday)

Registration: Go to www.faithsanctuary.com > click the "Eventbrite" link in the top menu and follow prompts.

Time: **The church doors open at 10:15 a.m. and close at 11:00 a.m.**

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The Omnipresent Spirit Who fills the universe.
The Advocate, The High Priest, The Lamb for sinners slain,
The Author of redemption,
O glory to His name!

The Alpha and Omega, Beginning and the end,
The Living Word incarnate, The helpless sinners friend,
Our wisdom and perfection, Our righteousness and power
Yea, all we need in Jesus,
We find this very hour.

FAITH SANCTUARY ON-LINE SERVICES

SUNDAY @ 10:15 a.m. – Sunday Bible Study

SUNDAY @ 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service LIVE

**SUNDAY @ 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. – Worship Service
Rebroadcast**

**MONDAY @ 6:30 p.m. – Berean Bible Study on
Zoom, Facebook, YouTube**

**WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 p.m. – Worship Service
Rebroadcast**

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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Luke 10:41-42 NKJV*

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