

Sermon Notes- Palm Sunday 4/14/19

Sermon Title- The willing King has arrived

Sermon Synopsis- Prophesied over 500 years earlier, King Jesus enters Jerusalem on the back of a donkey's colt. He turns the page in His story from earthly ministry to heavenly calling to save His people from their sins

Luke 19:28-40 (NLT)

28 After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. 29 As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of

Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. 30 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

32 So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. 33 And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?"

34 And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." 35 So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. 37 When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

38 “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!”

39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”

40 He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

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Introduction-

Story about celebrations. Have you noticed how in a lot of cases it's become more about the celebration than why we are actually celebrating? Rose petals along the walkway, skywriters in planes, hidden photographers in bushes, drone shots, exotic food & drink, tuxedos, fancy gowns, pre-party, post-party.....you get the picture, what are you thinking- Royal wedding maybe, coronation of a King perhaps?.....nope, how about Prom Night at San Marcos HighSchool.....BUT this story is different, it's all about why we are celebration not just celebrating for the sake of a good party!

Why are we celebrating on Palm Sunday? *Why is this day celebrated as the Triumphant Entry?*

We are celebrating Jesus- a willing King

On this day Jesus turned the page in the story

o His earthy ministry is coming to an end..

teaching, healing, casting out demons, Lazarus back to life

On this day we celebrate something called out in Prophecy over 500 years before-

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Is this a big deal? I think it may be too easy to push quickly past this fact...The God of the universe spoke this truth over 500 years b4 it happened...His son, King Jesus, riding in on a donkey

o What if I told you that Leonardo da Vinci while taking a break from painting the Mona Lisa in 1503, doing some journaling predicted Pastor Allen would be on this stage preaching about Palm Sunday- this morning...would we be blown away, would we tell everyone we know....This is a big deal

Three Responses-

In the text we see 3 responses to this specific moment in time that was prophesied 500 years before (Jesus, Multitude, Ours):

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Jesus' response:

He was Sovereign- (in total control)

Jesus knew what getting on the foal/donkey colt meant

o Turning the page in the story

Only Gospel account of Him riding, not walking...making a statement- this is who I AM- King who saves, leaving no doubts about it

Jesus foreknew & controlled, each step of the plan, he sent the 2 disciples to get the colt, look at vs 31 of our text

.31 If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

He knew exactly what would be said & done

This was the time...many times in the gospels He would perform a miracle and say- tell

know one- it wasn't the right time

Jesus' Response:

He was sacrificial

Luke 9:21-22 (ESV)

21 And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

They were after Him & Jesus knew it

He set the ball rolling, He provoked the next step in the story
He did this in spite of the fact...This was not a safe time for Jesus to be seen in

Jerusalem-

Jesus was a willing King- In sovereign control He said YES, it's the time for the King of salvation to come,

The multitudes response: They were expectant

Large Crowds (thousands traveling the road on foot to Jerusalem) due to celebration of the Jewish Passover Feast

The multitudes had heard & seen what Jesus had done

- o Teaching, Healing, Casting out Demons, raising Lazarus from the dead
- They were desperate for change- expecting a different kind of King to save them from tyranny of Roman government
- o A King who would lead a rebellion, wage war on their enemies

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The multitudes response: They were exuberant

The cloaks & palm branches were significant-

- o Spread out their garments- cloaks, All they had (not full closets like us)....o Not a mere sign of kindness it's a sign of deference, honor, befitting a King
- Shout, sing, praise- loud, not in the temple
- o Picture like the Super Bowl or World Series parade- reckless abandon

Preview of Revelation 7:9- picture of ultimate worship in the future New Jerusalem

Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

City was stirred-asking “who is this”? (Matt 21)

The Problem: the multitudes had an incomplete story

King Jesus was coming, The Multitudes were responding.....BUT they didn't understand the “whole story”.....yet

Luke 18:31-34 (ESV)

³¹And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will

be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit

upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

The Multitudes celebrating King Jesus, hearing and seeing all that He had done and hopeful for what He would do to remove them from their circumstances.....

But this is only part of the story, there was much more to be played out... If you haven't heard what transpires during the Holy Week between Palm Sunday and Easter, Listen.....If you have, receive it again.

What is revealed in scripture that we remember during Passion Week/Holy Week-4

It was late so after arriving in Jerusalem Jesus and his disciples spent the night in Bethany (1.5 miles away), the home town of Lazarus & his sisters Martha & Mary

The next morning when Jesus arrived at the Temple he found its courts full of corruption and turned over tables and forced the money changers out

The religious leaders were now plotting against Jesus, but He evaded them and chastised them as “whitewashed tombs” appearing righteous on the outside but dead on the inside

Preparations are being made in the “Upper Room” for the Passover Meal.

Thursday

evening after sunset, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples to demonstrate love through humility & service

It is there that Jesus establishes the Lords Supper or Communion by instructing the Disciples to remember the sacrifice of His body and the blood he will shed for the forgiveness of sins

Later that night Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane and prays in agony to the Father and sweats blood, “if you are willing remove this cup, your will not mine”

Later that night Judas’s betrayal comes to pass and Jesus is arrested and taken to the High Priest, Caiaphas

As Jesus’s trial is getting underway Peter denies Jesus 3 times before the rooster crows

Jesus endures false accusations, mockery, beatings and is ultimately sentenced to death by crucifixion on a cross

Jesus was spit upon, tormented, mocked, pierced with a thorn of crowns, forced to

carry his own cross to Calvary then nailed to the Cross
Jesus' last words were "Father into your hands I commit my spirit" then
breathed his last breath
The Curtain in the Temple is torn in two, the Earth shook
Having seen this the centurion and those around him were in awe- and said
"truly this was the Son of God"
On the morning we celebrate as Easter Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
go to visit the tomb
They encounter an open tomb, an Angel of the Lord, and no Jesus The Angel
tells them- He is not here, **he has risen**

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The Willing King has arrived- we have the whole story

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Our response? (We know the rest of the story)

The multitudes had the response right, they just didn't have the right WHY! The Willing King has Arrived

What is the Holy Spirit putting on your heart right now as you sit in the story of Jesus- the willing King of Salvation?

We lay everything down (our cloaks & palm branches)

We raise our voices in worship- Hosanna (save us)

As the Worship Team comes up- I am going to read the last 2 verses of our text this morning....

39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”

40 He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

This story is so compelling that all of Creation cries out, bursts into cheers.

This is our time to

worship our willing King Jesus, give him honor & praise for saying YES Let's not let anything quiet our celebration- AMEN