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Intro: Last week, we saw Jesus, through both His power & compassion, demonstrate that He is the God-Man Messiah Who came to open blind eyes & destroy sin & its effects, so that we might follow Him where there's fullness of joy & pleasures forevermore! Jesus is the only man we see in Scripture to open blind eyes! No one did it before Him, & no one's done it after Him! God can do it! Jesus does it! Jesus is God!

Today we see King Jesus enter Jerusalem on His way to the cross as the soon to be crucified King; the all knowing King; the all providing King; the Scripture fulfilling King; the King Who is worthy of obedience; the King worthy of worship; the prophet King; the soon to be risen King; the soon to be returning, conquering King; & the King of kings!

1. The Soon To Be Crucified King

Matthew 21:1: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem . . . [Read David Platt's Intro in Commentary, page 277]

a. The messianic secret: Matt 16:20: Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

b. Now, all eyes are on Jesus! No more secrets: JC Ryle: It was not fitting that the Lamb of God should come to be slain on Calvary privately and silently. Before the great sacrifice for the sins of the world was offered up, **it was right that every eye should be fixed on the victim.** It was suitable that the crowning act of our Lord's life should be done with as much notoriety as possible. Therefore it was that He made this public entry. Therefore it was that He attracted to himself the eyes of the wondering multitude. Therefore it was that all Jerusalem was moved. The atoning blood of the Lamb of God was about to be shed. The deed was not to be "done in a corner." (Acts 26:26.)

c. Jesus came to die: Matthew 20:18-19: See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified . . . **GOSPEL!**

d. We died with Christ, & we are called to die to sin & self: Ellen Vaughn (On Jim & Elisabeth Elliot): Whether you agree or disagree with their choices, whether you resonate or not with their particular personalities, the takeaway from their lives is reckless abandon for God. A willingness to cast off any illusions of self-protection, in order to burn for Christ. An absolutely liberating, astonishing radical freedom that comes only when you have, in fact, spiritually died to your own wants, ambitions, will, desires, reputation, and everything else.

2. The All Knowing King

Matthew 21:1-3: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth-phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, & immediately you will find a donkey tied, & a colt with her. Untie them & bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' & he will send them at once."

Jesus knows where the donkey is! He knows where the colt is! He knows the owner will understand that "The LORD" needs the donkey! If He knows where the donkey is, He knows where you & I are! He knows all!

JC Ryle: There is nothing hidden from the Lord's eyes. There are no secrets with Him. Alone or in company, by night or by day, in private or in public, He is acquainted with all our ways. He who saw Nathanael under the fig-tree is unchanged. Go where we will, and retire from the world as we may, we are never out of sight of Christ. This is a thought that ought to exercise a restraining and sanctifying effect on our souls. We all know the influence which the presence of the rulers of this world has upon their subjects. Nature itself teaches us to put a check on our tongues, and demeanor, and behavior, when we are under the eye of a king. The sense of our Lord Jesus Christ's perfect knowledge of all our ways, ought to have the same effect upon our hearts. Let us do nothing we would not like Christ to see, and say nothing we would not like Christ to hear. Let us seek to live and move and have our being under a continual recollection of Christ's presence. Let us behave as we would have done had we walked beside Him, in the company of James and John, by the sea of Galilee. This is the way to be trained for heaven. In heaven, "we shall ever be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4:17.) [There's warning & comfort in the all knowing King!]

3. The All Providing King

Matthew 21:2: Go into the village in front of you, & immediately you will find a donkey tied, & a colt with her. Untie them & bring them to me.

Jesus provides everything to fulfill all of Scripture! Jesus provides everything for your salvation! Jesus provides everything that you need to be most happy, satisfied, & content in Him! Jesus will provide for all of your needs!

Pastor: To tell God the Father that He should do things differently is to step into a three-hour long movie for two seconds, and then step back out and lecture the director on the story-line.

Hymn: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided! Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! [Trust Him!]

4. The Scripture Fulfilling King

Matthew 21:4-5: This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, & mounted on a donkey, & on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

- a. Jesus rides a donkey:** He's the Messiah/Anointed/Savior/King of all nations: 500 years before Jesus was born:
- **Isaiah 62:11:** Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes
- **Zech. 9:9-10:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous & having salvation is he, humble & mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim & the war horse from Jerusalem; & the battle bow shall be cut off, & he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, & from the River to the ends of the earth
- **2 Corinthians 1:20:** For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.

b. A donkey & a colt: The colt's mother was there to keep the colt calm; In places like **2 Samuel 16:2** we see donkeys are for the king's household to ride on – King; Peace; Humility – borrowed trough, boat, colt, tomb!

c. Your King is coming: The is personal. Jesus is coming for His people! Jesus is coming for you! Gal. 2:20!

5. The Worthy Of Obedience King

Matthew 21:6: The disciples went & did as Jesus had directed them.

Kings are to be obeyed. Those who are under the king's rule should submit to all of the king's commands.

- **Proverbs 21:3:** To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- **John 14:15:** If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- **1 John 5:3:** this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. & his commandments are not burdensome.

- **Charles Spurgeon:** The right way for a Christian to walk in is to do what his Master bids him, leaving all consequences to the Almighty. You have nothing to do with your own usefulness further than to keep your Master's commands, at all hazards and under all risks. "I counsel thee to keep the King's commandments," and "whatsoever he saith unto thee, do it." Sit at his feet with Mary, and learn of him, and when thou risest up from that reverent posture, let it be with the prayer — "Help me to run in thy commands, 'Tis a delightful road; Nor let my head, nor heart, nor hands, offend against my God."

- **Elisabeth Elliot:** If a duty is clear, the dangers surrounding it are irrelevant.

6. The Worthy Of Worship King

Matthew 21:7-9: They brought the donkey & the colt & put on them their cloaks, & he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, & others cut branches from the trees & spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him & that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

a. Cloaks: Michael Wilkins: Symbolized crowd's submission to Jesus as King: **2 Kings 9:13:** every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed: "Jehu is king."

b. The palm branches: Wilkins: Palms symbolized Jewish nationalism and victory; they were connected with prominent Jewish victories & with the Festival of Tabernacles; palms were common on both Jewish coins & synagogue decoration.

c. The people cried out: "Hosanna!": Verse 9: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! [Jesus comes as the representative of God; He's praised up to heaven!]

Psalm 118:25-26: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! (**Jesus is God!**)

Article: Hosanna is often thought of as a declaration of praise, similar to hallelujah, but it is actually a plea for salvation. The Hebrew root words are found in Psalm 118:25, which says, "Save us, we pray, O LORD!" (ESV). The Hebrew words yasha ("deliver, save") and anna ("beg, beseech") combine to form the word that, in English, is "hosanna." Literally, hosanna means "I beg you to save!" or "please deliver us!"

"Hosanna!": Oh Lord save us now! Praise be to the Messianic King! Praise the LORD!

d. The Son of David: This is a name for the Messiah Who would come to save His people – David's greater Son!

2 Samuel 7:12-13: I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

e. Do you worship King Jesus? Does He move your heart? Do you get alone with Him? Pray?; Sing?; Weep?

7. The Prophet King

Matthew 21:10-11: And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

a. The people of the city asked "Who is this?": They are amazed! They've never seen anything like Him! When the Magi came, all Jerusalem was troubled. Now the whole city is stirred up!

Ligon Duncan: It's possible to be very positive about Jesus & yet have the wrong Jesus, wrong understanding, or not trust & obey Jesus as LORD and King!

b. Jesus is the true & better Moses: The OT tells us there would be a prophet raised up like Moses:

Deuteronomy 18:15: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me

Jesus obeyed the Word of God like no man ever did! Jesus fulfilled the Word of God! Jesus spoke the Word Of God! Jesus taught the Word of God like no man ever taught! Jesus was & is the Word of God, come in the flesh!

- **John 1:1, 14:** In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, & the Word was God . . .¹⁴ & the Word became flesh & dwelt among us

- **Hebrews 1:1-2:** Long ago, at many times & in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things

8. The Soon To Be Risen King

Matthew 21:10: And when he entered Jerusalem

Matthew 20:18-19: See, we are going up to Jerusalem . . . and he will be raised on the third day.

We will be raised too! 1 Corinthians 15:52: the trumpet will sound, & the dead will be raised imperishable

9. The Soon To Be Returning, Conquering King

Matthew 21:1, 5: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth-phage, to the Mount of Olives . . .

⁵ Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, & mounted on a donkey, & on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

- **Zechariah 14:3-4:** Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴ On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east

- **Revelation 19:11-16:** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

10. The King Of Kings

Matthew 21:5: Behold, your king is coming to you

There is no king like King Jesus! He is the crucified King; the all knowing King; the all providing King; the Scripture fulfilling King; the King Who is worthy of obedience; the King worthy of worship; the prophet King; the risen King; the God-Man King; the soon to be returning, conquering King; He is the King of all kings!

- **1 Timothy 6:15:** He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords

- **Revelation 17:14:** the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings

Jesus is King, we are not: A monk rebuked Richard Wurmbbrand for his pride in the following parable:

- On Palm Sunday, when the Lord entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, He was received with shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and with the waving of palm branches. That evening the donkey told his fellow donkeys in the stable: "If only you could have seen with what honor I was acclaimed in Jerusalem!

- They called me "Son of David, King of the Jews." I had never before known the name of the donkey who was my father. I was very pleased to find out that he was called David. And the crowd seemed very determined to make me king! They threw their clothes before me on the road in order that I might walk on softness.

- I suppose they will come tomorrow to enthrone me. I imagine that when a donkey becomes king, he gets plenty of hay and is not made to carry burdens anymore!"

- As the monk finished the story, he looked at me significantly. "There are quite a few such donkeys. Young pastors are prone to believe that the honor they receive is for them."

Jesus Knows All Things; God's Rule He Brings; And From The Crowd "Hosanna!" Rings; For He's The Humble King of Kings!

Who is Jesus – what do you say?
How you reply will fix your way
To hell or heaven where you'll stay
Oh bow to Him your God today
And trust the Son without delay
He's King of kings – you must obey
For us He died our God did slay
His only Son our debt to pay
On every enemy He'll prey
And kill them all – then dead they'll lay
Since He rose up on the third day
Back to the Father we must say
Our Jesus is the only way
So cry "Hosanna!" – shout away!
Save us our God – lead us we pray
That "Christ is all!" we might display
To live for Him and never sway!

Our coming King makes preparation
He knows all things and their relation
Like where colts stay – their habitation
He rules o'er all things in creation
Each one He's set in its location
Like coins in fish for His taxation
Now He comes to grant salvation
He's all pleasure in summation
He'll grant peace to every nation
If they'll turn from sin's temptation
Then trust in Him as their foundation
God's Kingdom's come – the Incarnation
Bow to Him with heart prostration
And praise His Name in adoration!

Not a war horse does He ride
Nor carry sword down by His side
He comes for peace to spread worldwide
Humble and lowly, not with pride
This wicked city His heart eyed
And for her lost the Savior cried
His truth with evil would collide
To earn true peace He lived and died
And rose to set our sins aside
He opened heaven's closed gate wide
And soon He'll come to get His bride
But then a war horse He will ride
With eyes inflamed with every stride
A two-edged sword from His mouth plied
He'll come for war and to divide

The sheep and goats – no one will hide
Oh turn to Him – be on His side
Believe in Him – you must decide
Or He will cast you far outside
In hell forever to abide
But if you trust in Him Who died
You'll live forever by His side
For you all things He will provide
The joys will never be denied
And all your tears forever dried!

Oh cry hosanna to your King
Who rules for good in everything
His Kingdom's come – salvation bring
And from His heart all love does spring
He conquered death and healed its sting
So to your Savior tightly cling
And praise His name – forever sing!

Behold Your King Must Come And Die
He Rides Upon The Donkey High
They Cheer And Cry Let Praises Fly
The Son Of David Now Draws Nigh
Yet Soon The Crowd Cries Crucify
They'll Spit And Mock And Beat He'll Die
But Yet He'll Rise And Death Defy
When He Returns There On His Thigh
Is "King of kings!" He's LORD Most High
With Sword In Mouth And Fires In Eye
He'll Crush His Enemies Who Lie
And Rule Forever Glorify!

Christ Jesus Is The Coming King
Who Knows Of Colts And Everything
Supplies All Needs, From Him They Spring
And In Jerusalem They Sing
Hosannas! Praise! They're Worshiping
The Son Of David, Glory's Ring
And Yet He'd Die And Taste The Sting
Of Sin And Death For Man's Offspring
A Crown Of Thorns Would Pierce This King
On Him God's Fiery Wrath Would Spring
He'd Die So Marred Past Human Thing
Then Rise To Us Salvation Bring
Take Refuge In His Healing Wing
By Faith Alone Let's To Him Cling
He Saves From Olney To Beijing
He Is Our God, Our Reigning King
Who Will Forever Make Us Sing
He Is Our All, Our Everything!