

## "FROM MEEKNESS TO MAJESTY TO MIGHT"

**TEXT:** *Zech.9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

**THESIS:** To put the events of Palm Sunday into Biblical focus.

**INTRO.:** A. The events of Palm Sunday need to be put into proper Biblical perspective. They do not stand isolated. There is a past & prophetic significance. Jesus did not simply march into Jerusalem as Israel's King & Messiah. There was prophetic preparation as well as 3 1/2 yrs. of ministry preceding this event. The people were primed, expectant, hopeful, excited. When He finally accepted their worship & accolades they could not be constrained. **They looked for, longed for & lusted for a King they could call their own.** They wanted another David. It had not been since his reign that Israel had been united.

B. They would get more than they bargained for! He would indeed be their King...One they would soon reject & crucify...One they would have to one day bow down to & worship not just as King but as King of Kings & Lord of Lords.

**TRANS.:** But first let's take a trip back in time approx. 500 yrs...

## **I. THE PROMISED KING: *Zech.9:9***

### A. Meek?

1. Who ever heard of a "meek" King?!
2. Who ever heard of a King riding an ass?!

**NOTE:** Kings ride stallions...chariots...or are carried on the shoulders of slaves. Kings sit on ornate thrones, wear crowns, jewels, wield sceptres, wear expensive apparel, etc.

3. Who ever heard of a "lowly" King?!
4. Who ever heard of a King who offered "salvation"?!

**ILLUS.:** The word "salvation" here may simply mean deliverance from oppression or it may convey spiritual deliverance. Knowing the biblical context, it seems to have a spiritual connotation. This brings us to the fulfillment of this prophecy on that first Palm Sunday...

## **II. THE PRESENTED KING: *Mt.21:1-11***

### A. Majestic!

1. Here in Matthew (& in Mk., Lk. & Jn.) we have the fulfillment of Zechariah's unlikely prophecy.
2. Jesus the Meek was proclaimed as Jesus the Majestic...Israel's King.

**ILLUS.:** Zechariah's prophecy was fulfilled to the letter. It was written 50 plus years before. V.5 declares that "***all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet...***" Some conclude that knowing the details Jesus simply arranged things to accommodate the prophecy & thus present Himself as the prophesied King. But v.2 & 3 add some interesting details. Jesus knew where the animals could be found. He knew that the owner would object but finally yield and identified Himself as "***the Lord.***"

3. The disciples recognized the significance of the moment & literally took the clothes off their backs & fashioned a makeshift saddle for Him. v.6,7

4. The multitude also recognized that though Jesus was "meek & lowly" this was nonetheless an important event & responded appropriately. v.8,9

**ILLUS.:** Jesus had a special quality of being able to turn small things into great things & of making simple circumstances into special events. Perhaps none is more simple & yet as significant as this one. The lowly Nazarene is presented as the majestic King of Israel. The carpenter's son is hailed as "***the***

***son of David***!! The one who had been despised is worshipped. The crowds who rejected Him or ignored Him, now proclaim Him.

5. The prophetic significance of this event cannot be overstated.

- a. All prophetic Scripture must & will be fulfilled as minutely & certainly as this obscure passage in ***Zech. 9:9***.
- b. Jesus even said on this occasion that if the people did not recognize Him for Who He was, the very stones would have cried out.

***Lk.19:39-40*** ***39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.***

- c. All the prophecies concerning His first coming were fulfilled to the letter, assuring us that unfulfilled prophecies will likewise be fulfilled.

**TRANS.:** Jesus has come as the Meek One offering salvation and as the Majestic One proclaimed by His own people, He will yet come as the Mighty One to rule & reign as King of Kings & Lord of Lords...

**III. THE POWERFUL KING: Rev.19:11-16**

## A. Mighty!

1. This time He will come riding a stallion, not a donkey! v.11a
2. This time He will come making war not offering peace! v.11b
3. This time He will come wearing "many crowns" not a crown of thorns. v.12
4. This time He will come not shedding blood for sinners but bathed in the blood of sinners who refused His reign. v.13
5. This time He will come not with a pitiful band of followers but with mighty armies of saints who trusted Him as their Savior & Lord over the centuries since His first coming. v.14
6. This time He will come not asking for acceptance but demanding allegiance. v.15a
7. This time He will come not accepting the abuse of sinners but punishing sinners. v.15b

**ILLUS.:** Millions will be slain at this coming at the great Battle of Armageddon. The ghastly Feast of the Fowls will take place here. cf. v.17-21

John prophecies that 200 million will come against the Lord advancing from the far east. China now has that many troops. **Rev.16:12** says that they will cross the dried up River Euphrates. In 1990 Turkey built a dam in fulfillment of this prophecy.

**Rev.16:12** *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. (KJV)*

Earthquakes, pestilences, plagues, weather changes and a falling away within the churches are taking place NOW! Prophecy will again be fulfilled to the letter! Don't ignore the significance of these great events as did those on that first Palm Sunday who proclaimed Him King & just days later cried "**Crucify Him!**"

8. This time He will come not with wounds which spell salvation on His hands & feet but with words that spell King of Kings & Lord of Lords written on His thigh!. v.16

**CONCL.:** **"FROM MEEKNESS TO MAJESTY TO MIGHT"** is the path of our Blessed Savior. If you refuse Him as the meek & lowly Savior you will meet Him as the Majestic & Mighty Lord! Which will it be for YOU?!