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Palm Sunday – Triumphal Entry

- Passover celebration
- Jerusalem – over half million participants

Political Situation

Promise of Prophecy

- Zech. 9:9 “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”



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Luke 19:28-38

“After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethpage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.



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³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

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1. Celebration of the Crowd

- amassed the evidence, made an assumption

- a) signs and wonders

- Lazarus – John 11

- many evidences of his authority over:

- nature – calmed storms, feeding of five thousand, walking on water

- physical issues – dead raised, deaf hear, lame walk, blind see,

- spiritual – demons cast out, sins forgiven, people changed



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- John 12:17-19 “Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”



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b) knew the prophecies

- Isaiah 9:7 “Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne, and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”

- Jesus taught with authority

- claimed to be the promised one (John 1:14,29)



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c) celebrated the King arriving to deliver

- from Roman occupation & rule
- establishing an earthly rule
- return to prominence on earth as a nation

* huge confusion coming as what they expected was not what was happening. God was up to something far greater



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2. Jesus Aware & Responding

a) Jesus knew what had to happen

- Luke 18:31-33 “Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.
³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him;
³³ they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”

- third time he had been clear with them



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b) Jesus Declared His Kingship

- riding on the donkey – prophecy fulfilled
- clearly evidenced authority & power
- confronting religious leaders

Luke 19:39-40 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”



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c) Jesus was moved for the people

Luke 19:41-44 “As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”



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d) tender emotion

- wept for them – knew they didn't see what was really going on, the cost of peace
 - would not be earthly kingdom
 - God doing something much greater, at a cost they could not comprehend
 - knew in a short week they would be calling for his death
- moved to emotion for them



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- clear the city, the temple, will be destroyed
 - AD 70 – Jerusalem destroyed
 - temple no longer essential, kingdom of God established in hearts
- God is doing something so much bigger



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3. Celebrating Jesus as King

- Easter season – Good Friday, Easter Sunday

a) I am Prone to making Assumptions

- see partial evidence and assume a result

- If God is_____, then I can assume

- I can worship God my way, my terms

- If I live_____, I can expect_____.

- look at prophecy, our times, arrive at conclusions about what God is doing



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b) Renew what God has Promised & Shown

- have his inspired word to look into
- have the Holy Spirit to reveal truth
- Jesus is our Savior – sin & death defeated
- Jesus is exalted and lifted up, at the right hand of the Father Col.3:1 “If then you

have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”



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- Jesus is returning as King for his bride

Rev. 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.



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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.”



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c) prepare to celebrate what God has done and is doing.

- check heart and priorities
- ask God to renew and reveal
- plan to participate with others



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So What?

1. Remember

- God's love evidenced in Jesus

2. Rejoice

- celebrate and give great thanks
- share the invitation with others

3. Renew

- perspective
- obedience
- expectation of what God is doing

