

Jesus: The Perfect Lamb & King Forever
Palm Sunday
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Luke 19:28-40
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Today is the last Sunday of March, and I would like us to say the Memory Verse together before I get into this morning's passage. Ephesians 5:19 "Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts."

Today is Palm Sunday, which starts Passover week, also known as Passion Week. A day we recognize Jesus' being celebrated as The Perfect Lamb and King! A day the people would shout praises to Jesus, saying (Mark 11:9b-10): "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: 10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest." and from Luke 19:38: "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." It is a day filled with celebration and excitement; it is a day fulfilling prophecies. Today we are going to briefly look at and study some of these, and challenge ourselves about how we will proceed through this day and week.

I would like you to join me this morning in standing in reverence for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our King forever for the reading of Luke 19:28-40 ... I will be reading from the King James Version this morning.

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28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye **shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.**

31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they said, **The Lord hath need of him.**

35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they **cast their garments upon the colt**, and they set Jesus thereon.

36 And as he went, they **spread their clothes in the way.**

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the **whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;**

38 Saying, **Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.**

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.** >

Prayer

Jesus, riding a donkey into the city of Jerusalem at the start of Passover week, he is being declared as “the King that cometh in the name of the Lord”. Jesus was not coming as king of the nation, nor was he coming as a king trying to overthrow the Roman empire, instead, he was coming as the King of the world, and literally, maker and creator of the entire universe. Jesus was coming as king, but he was also humbly coming as lamb, the one that would bring the final Substitutionary Atonement. We learned about this term in Kid’s Connection last Wednesday with Abraham and Isaac, this is what Jesus did for us and became our Substitutionary Atonement. Jesus, the final sacrifice for all of mankind, that our sins could be forgiven. God’s judgement and wrath was satisfied.

1. Jesus: The Perfect Lamb

As I studied, prayed, talked, and prepared for today, I kept running into more and more Scripture about Palm Sunday. We always hear about the people shouting Hosanna’s, but we don’t always talk about the way in which this occurred was the plan and fulfilment of prophecies recorded throughout the Holy Scriptures. So today, I would like to bring you through just a few of the prophecies and ways in which this was the plan, laid out, by God, for the fulfilment and redemption of all who are willing to come to Him. I would like you to use your Bible if you have it, or the Bible in the holder on the back of the bench in front of you, turn with me to Exodus 12. I’ll give you a moment here to turn with me. I think it is good for us to have our Bible’s open, and reading right from the Word. I know throughout this room, we will have a variety of Bible translations in use, and even the ones in the bench in front of you may be different from one spot to the other, but the Words will also be on the screen for you to follow along with as well, or for those at home, I encourage you to take out your Bible, and open it. We will be flipping through a few different books of the Bible, so be prepared. This first passage in Exodus 12, is vs 1 “...the Lord speaking to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt”. God was telling Moses and Aaron how to prepare for the final plague coming to Egypt in which the Passover Lamb must be chosen and prepared.

*“[Exo 12:3-7 KJV] 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, **In the tenth [day] of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of [their] fathers, a lamb for an house:** 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take [it] according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5 **Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take [it] out from the sheep, or from the goats:** 6 And ye shall **keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month:** and the **whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.** 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.”*

Jesus’ timing was in perfect alignment with what the Lord told Moses and Aaron. Jesus, was being chosen, and shown as he was riding on the donkey, the perfect Lamb of God, on the 10th day of the Jewish calendar... to be prepared for the 14th day, which we call “Good Friday” ... the day in which the sacrifice in front of the whole assembly would be made. Jesus was being set apart on this day, for Christ to be our Passover Lamb. In Exodus, there was preparation for the lamb to be chosen to be the spotless lamb... We can read in John 12:3, the night before Jesus would make his public showing on the donkey in the streets, Mary would take “pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.” Again,

Jesus was prepared for this day, and for this week to be the Passover Lamb to be slain for you, me, and all people.

2. Jesus: King Forever

Next, I would like to discuss the way in which Jesus' rode into Jerusalem. As we read earlier, Jesus had sent a couple disciples into the city to retrieve a foal of a donkey for Jesus to ride on... this in itself spoke of Jesus foreknowledge of what was to come as he told the disciples where to go, and what they might need to say to the owner of the donkey. Jesus intentionally sent him after a donkey, not a giant stallion... as he would be riding in peace, in humility, for the people, to be King of our Hearts and worthy of praise! I would like us to turn next to Zechariah 9. I know Zechariah is a hard book to find... it's the 2nd to last book of the Old Testament... so if you find the beginning book of the New Testament (Matthew 1), then turn back about 6 pages... you might be in Zechariah 9 or at least very close.

"[Zec 9:9-10 KJV] 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~~ [a donkey], and upon a colt the foal of ~~an ass~~ [a donkey]. 10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion [shall be] from sea [even] to sea, and from the river [even] to the ends of the earth."

Did hear it? The prophet Zechariah says: (vs 9) "Behold, **thy King cometh unto thee**: he is just, and **having salvation, lowly, and riding upon [a donkey]**, and upon a colt the foal of [a donkey]." This day that we celebrate was a prophecy from Zechariah that was potentially written in about 520 B.C (Before Christ). And what did the prophet say his dominion would be? (vs 10) "his dominion [shall be] from sea [even] to sea, and from the river [even] to the ends of the earth." Borders and earthly kingdoms will not infringe his reign, his reign would be to the "ends of the earth". Although the Roman empire at the time of Jesus was large, it would come no where close to the Kingdom in which Jesus would be king.

This was not the first time in which God was spoken about as being King of Israel. Let's flip back to Deuteronomy 33:1-5.

"[Deu 33:1-5 KJV] 1 And this [is] the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand [went] a fiery law for them. 3 Yea, he loved the people; all his saints [are] in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; [every one] shall receive of thy words. 4 Moses commanded us a law, [even] the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob. 5 And he **[God] was king in Jeshurun**, when the heads of the people [and] the tribes of Israel were gathered together."

God gave the law to his people. He loved his people. And was their king. Even the word Jeshurun as describing the people is a term of respect, describes the people's character, and describes what He intended Israel to be ... until they choose to reject God as their king. Instead, they wanted a man to be king instead, and they choose Saul as read about in 1 Samuel 12:12, then eventually David after God removed Saul from being king of Israel. And through David's lineage, Jesus would be born, to usher in the ability for All people to part of His Kingdom. Unfortunately, In the same way, many of the Jews would reject Jesus as king, instead, wanting Ceasar to be their king. (John 19:15).

This morning, We praise God as David did in Psalm 118, which is basically what the Disciples of Jesus did on that Palm Sunday, the start of Passover Week:

This is basically what the followers of Jesus shouted...

“[Psa 118:26-29 KJV] 26 Blessed [be] he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. 27 God [is] the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, [even] unto the horns of the altar. 28 Thou [art] my God, and I will praise thee: [thou art] my God, I will exalt thee. 29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for [he is] good: for his mercy [endureth] for ever.”

As is expressed in this Psalm. Jesus was eventually bound with cords, then led to be sacrificed... to be the Atoning Sacrifice for you and for me.

You know, a physical lamb that would have been chosen for the Passover Festival, would not have known what he was being chosen for, Jesus knew exactly what his purpose was... he was to be the Perfect Lamb and King, sacrificed for your and my sin, to usher in the opportunity for Salvation, and to be made King Forever, the Lamb that was slain. He took the wrath of God that we deserve.

There is a day, in which Jesus will be coming again, in the most significant Triumphant entry that there will be. We read about it in Revelation 19. I'm going to read just a few verses about this coming Triumphant Entry... this references Jesus, the Lamb, King of Kings.

“[Rev 19:11-16 KJV] 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

As we approach Passover week, are you ready for the next Triumphant Entry of the King of Kings, the Lamb that was slain for you? Is Jesus, the King of your life? If you do not know Jesus as King of your life, let today be the day in which that changes and you accept him as your Lord & Savior, as Redeemer from your sin. Bow your knee to the King of Kings now, before the final Triumphant entry of our Lord Jesus Christ, and make Him Lord of our lives.

Pray

As the angels, the elders, and thousands of the saints said Rev. 5:12 “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.”

We will be closing with a song by a song by Keith and Kristyn Getty. If you would like to sing along, please do so, or sit and ponder the words expressed and our heart before Jesus, the King Forever. Play video of “[God, the Uncreated One \(King Forevermore\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rswH9CSyWHk)”. (permission granted for official YouTube channel to use video during a Live Stream of service. <https://www.gettymusic.com/faqs>, 3/25/2021.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rswH9CSyWHk>

*** Note – Some words have been crossed out then new word placed into brackets & italicized – like “an ass” change to “a donkey” in the text. There are also words from the King James Version in brackets from the original KJV and marked as such because they are words to help complete the sentence from the Greek “Textus Receptus” and the Hebrew “Masoretic Text”. These are part of the original KJV text.