

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Zechariah 9:9-10

INTRODUCTION:

This morning we are going to focus on the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Today is Palm Sunday the day in which we remember this historic ride that Jesus took mounted on a donkey.

The Gospels of Matthew and John in their narrative of this event both quote from an Old Testament prophet a prophecy concerning this event. I want to look at that prophecy this morning and what it teaches us about this event. The two verses that we will look at speak of two different events as though they were one, one has been fulfilled and one is yet to be fulfilled, we will also learn that Scripture speaks of two triumphal entries and we will look at both today.

I. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (Zechariah 9:9)

- a. Zechariah 9:9 is the verse that Matthew and _____ quote in reference to what we call Palm Sunday or what is described in Scripture as the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. (John 12:16)
- b. The crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with great rejoicing; they welcomed Him as a _____.

II. THE RECIPIENTS OF THE KING (Zechariah 9:9a)

- a. The first two lines of Zechariah 9:9 record for us the recipients of this king and their _____ to His coming.
- b. Zechariah tells us that the people are to _____ greatly and _____ in triumph at the coming of the Messiah. (Psalm 118:25-26)

III. THE RIDER OF THE DONKEY (Zechariah 9:9b)

- a. According to Zechariah the One riding the donkey is the king. Zechariah says, "*Behold, your _____ is coming to you...*" (Zechariah 9:9b, NASB95)
- b. Zechariah goes on and describes for us what this king is like. First, Zechariah says He is _____, or some translations say righteous, either is correct.
- c. Zechariah goes on and states that this King is endowed with _____.

- d. But because of their rejection a wonderful thing has happened, suddenly God in His sovereignty and foreknowledge shifts for a time from dealing with Israel as a nation and begins dealing with individual _____, offering salvation not only to the Jew, but also to the Gentile. (Ephesians 2-3)

IV. THE SECOND TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (Zechariah 9:10)

- a. As I said at the beginning of this message Scripture speaks of _____ triumphal entries. (Zechariah 14:2-5)
- b. The first triumphal entry Jesus came humbly and offered peace, but the second triumphal entry He will come in all His glory and in _____. (Revelation 19:11-16)
- c. When Jesus comes, He will step off His horse on the Mount of Olives like Zechariah prophesies and _____ will be executed and God's people will be saved. (Zechariah 9:10)

CONCLUSION:

Where will you be when Jesus makes His second triumphal entry? I know where I will be because I have received His offer of peace with God. I will return with Him when He comes to judge the earth. How do I know this? Both Zechariah 14 and Revelation 19 tell of my return with Him. The end of Zechariah 14:5 says, "*Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!*" (Zechariah 14:5b, NASB95) I am one of His holy ones because I have been justified, declared righteous by God through faith in Jesus Christ. Revelation 19:14 says, "*And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*" (Revelation 19:14, NASB95) Those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ are His holy ones, are part of His armies that will come with Him when He comes. We will rejoice greatly with shouts of triumph as He enters triumphantly into Jerusalem to set up His kingdom over all the earth. You can know that you will be there too if you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ and have had your sins forgiven and have found peace with God. It is not too late, we are living in between Zechariah 9:9 and 10, today is the day of God's grace and today is the day of salvation. Do not delay in receiving God's gift of salvation, because the day of judgment is drawing near.