

The Arrival of the King

Luke 19:28-44

ETS: Just as Jesus' triumphal entry was the fulfillment of prophecy so will be His future arrival be

ESS: The fulfillment of prophecy in the 1st coming assures us of the second coming

OSS: I want people to live in assurance and hope of the arrival of the King

PQ: Are you ready for the King's arrival?

ME

Phrase “History repeats itself”

- “If we don’t learn from the past, we are bound to repeat it”

Examples of History Repeating Itself....

- **Napoleon’s** attempted—and failed—to invade of Russia in 1812
- **Hitler’s** attempted—and failed—to invade of Russia
 - Both men were pushed back by the Russians

Examples of History Repeating Itself....

- In the 1620s on orders by the **King of Sweden**, the **Vasa** was commissioned and built.
 - Meant to be an impressive flagship for the Swedish fleet,

70 meters long. It was richly decorated with carvings and sculptures, and it was very well armed, with dozens of cannons of various sizes.

- In **1628**, the Vasa set out on her **maiden voyage**. It was a **calm day**, but some sudden gusts of wind caught the ship's sails and caused the ship to **unbalance**, tilting enough that water began to rush into its lower deck, and it quickly sunk, still within view of the shore. Hundreds of people drown.

- In the early 1800s, the Chinese built a huge cargo ship: The Tek Sing
 - Its **tallest mast** was about **30 meters**, and the ship was **50 meters long**.
 - The Tek Sing was on a **solo journey**, headed to **Indonesia**, carrying a full load of cargo, including fine porcelain, as well as 1800 people.
 - They were in a hurry to reach their destination and **took a shortcut**, which resulted in the ship **hitting a barrier reef**. The fact that it was so

heavily loaded contributed to its sinking. Most of the passengers and crew died, though a small portion was rescued the next day.

What ship do you think is next?

- In the early 1900s, the Titanic was built.
 - This British passenger cruise ship built, 269 meters long and 32 meters tall.
 - The Titanic set sail in 1912 to great fanfare, very much like the Vasa. It was thought to be unsinkable, and when it hit that fateful iceberg, it didn't have

enough lifeboats, the crew wasn't trained to carry out an evacuation, and at least 1,500 people died, while about 710 survived.

History often repeats itself!

You've seen that in your own life!

- Failure to learn from **past mistakes**
- Take a **success** in the past and repeat it.
 - Business world: “**Best Practices**” = idea that what has worked in the past for someone else will work for you.

Today is often called **PALM SUNDAY**

- It was a historical event

What are the chances that this day, Palm Sunday, was a **predicted** event?

- What if the predictions were over 500 years old?
- What if the predictions were so precise that they...
 - Contained specific landmarks?
 - Describe the mode of transportation the King would use?
 - Where the King would enter the city?

What if I told you that this event is going to be REPEATED?

- What if I told you the first PALM SUNDAY was NOT fulfilled completely?

Your Bible: **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**

- What if this really wasn't the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY of Christ?

GOD

Turn to **Luke 19**

The Gospels all slow down during the last week of Jesus' life and Luke is no exception!

Luke 19:28-29 “When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples”

- Location: The Mount of Olives

The **Mount of Olives** is a mountain ridge **east** of and adjacent to Jerusalem **(Show Pics)**

- The Mount of Olives in Jesus’ day had **olive trees** that covered its slope
 - The Mount of Olives rises some 2, 710’ above sea level!

Luke 19:30-31 “and said, “Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say this: ‘The Lord needs it.’”

Why would Jesus tell them to get a “Colt” (i.e., a young donkey)?

- This was **NOT** the **first time** Jesus had been to Jerusalem!

Jesus telling them to get a young donkey for Him to ride was **unusual**— He had never asked for a young donkey before! Why now?

How did Jesus know they would find a young **donkey** that He could use?

Luke 19:32-34 “32 So those who were sent left and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 “The Lord needs it,” they said.”

- How did Jesus know they would find a donkey that He could use?
- How did Jesus know the owners wouldn't protest?
- Why would Jesus choose an *unbroken* animal?

Matthew, Mark, and John contain this same story in varying detail

- Each Gospel had an initial
 - The original target audience for **Luke** was **Gentiles**
 - The original target audience for **Matthew** was **Jews**

Since each Gospel had a **target audience**, they provided different angles of the story that would be of interest to their original audience.

- For example, **Matthew** includes many more **Old Testament quotes** to argue that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah.

Matthew puts in this commentary:

Matthew 21:4-5 This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: 5 Tell Daughter Zion, “See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Why does Matthew give this comment?

- Jewish readers to understand that Jesus was fulfilling a **prophecy!**
 - WHO was this prophet?
 - WHERE is this prophecy?
 - WHEN did he prophesy?

The prophet was **Zechariah!**

- He prophesied **500 years earlier** in **520-518 B.C.**

Zechariah wrote in **Zechariah 9:9:**

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

- Anyone who knew the Old Testament—particularly the Jewish religious leaders—would have recognized that **Jesus is fulfilling** the **passage** from **Zechariah**.

Why a donkey?

- In the ancient Middle Eastern world, leaders **rode HORSES** if they rode to **war!**

If Jesus had ridden a HORSE into Jerusalem...it would have created an even higher EXPECTATION that **Jesus** was coming into Jerusalem to....

- **Overthrow the Romans**
- **Restore Jerusalem to its glory**
- **To rule on David's throne in Jerusalem**
 - They expected the coming **Messiah** to ride into Jerusalem on a **horse of war!**

Instead, **Jesus** rode in on a **donkey**!

Why a donkey?

- **Kings** rode **donkeys** when they were coming in **peace**.
 - EX. **Solomon** rode a donkey on the day he was recognized as the new king of Israel.
- Jesus was **NOT** riding into **Jerusalem** as a **warrior**, but as one coming in **peace**!
 - The **KING** of the universe was riding into **Jerusalem** in a very **humble** way!

Jesus was riding into Jerusalem the way **Zechariah predicted** he would arrive 500 years **earlier!**

Why the “colt, the foal of a Donkey”?

- Jesus was **fulfilling prophecy!**
 - Jesus was demonstrating He was in **complete control**
 - Control of the **wild, unbroken** animal—which was **separated** from its’ mother
 - Control of the **situation**—He **fulfilling prophecy!**

Abraham/Moses slide

Abraham descendants slide

12 Sons of Jacob Slide (2 slides)

One of the **earliest prophecies** about the coming Messiah was that He would be of the “**tribe of Judah**”

- **Jacob**, the father of the 12 tribes of the Jews, predicted in **Genesis 49:10**: “The scepter will not depart from Judah or the staff from between his feet until he whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to him.”

12 Sons of Jacob Slide

- This was unusual because Judah was NOT the firstborn but the **4th born child** of Jacob!

- Normally this leadership role would be passed to the oldest son, but **Reuben** was denied this privileged position because he had dishonored his father by **sleeping** with his father's **concubine**.
- The next two sons in seniority were **Simeon and Levi**, whom their father described in his final address as being, **"implements of violence."**
 - They were **rejected** as the overall leader of the twelve tribes of Israel, because of their **deceitful behavior** in the ungodly massacre of the

men of Shechem, which was carried out in revenge, because their sister, **Dinah**, was **raped** by the prince of Shechem.

- It would have been **unusual** to **pass** over the first three sons, but that is what Jacob did!

(MAP of the 12 Tribes)

Jacob's sons were **12 tribes** that made up the nation of Jerusalem

- The **Tribe of Levi** were not landowners
- In **930 B.C.** the ten northern tribes split from the two southern

tribes—one of those northern tribes was the **Tribe of Reuben!**

- In **722 B.C.** the northern tribes were **defeated** and **assimilated** into the **Assyrian culture**.
 - One of those tribes that were assimilated was the **Tribe of Reuben**
- The **Tribe of Simeon** was the smallest and **weakest** of all the tribes and was eventually **absorbed** by the **Tribe of Judah**

The **two remaining** tribes: **Benjamin and Judah** formed the **Kingdom of Judah**

(MAP of the Judah)

- In **586 B.C.** they were deported to **Babylon**
 - When they returned to Jerusalem starting 536 B.C., they **could not reestablish** the land they had lost, but they retained their **distinct Jewish culture.**

WHY the history lesson?

- The coming King—**Jesus**—was predicted to be from the **Tribe of the 4th son**, not the firstborn!

- The tribe from which Jesus was to come *was only one of two that retained their Jewish culture* after many years of war, deportation, and struggle!

12 Sons of Jacob Slide with line through the 10 tribes

BUT THERE IS MORE!

- Jesus is seen as fulfilling **Genesis 49:10**: “The scepter will not depart from Judah or the staff from between his feet until he whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to him.

- Have you read **Genesis**
49:11? He ties his **donkey** to a vine, and the **colt of his donkey** to the choice vine. He washes his clothes in wine and his robes in the blood of grapes.”

Over **2,000 years** BEFORE the Triumphant entry we have a prophecy of

- The **lineage** of the Coming King—
of the **Tribe of Judah**
 - Connection of a **donkey and the Colt** of the donkey tied to this coming King!

The King's Arrival was Prophesied!

Luke 19:34-38 “The Lord needs it,” they said. 35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their clothes on the colt, they helped Jesus get on it. 36 As he was going along, they were spreading their clothes on the road. 37 Now he came near the path down the Mount of Olives, and the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice 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 heaven!”

- Jesus was **fulfilling the Old Testament** prophecy of **Zech 9:9**.

- Jesus had proven Himself as “sent from God” by the incredible miracles He had done. Especially raising **Lazarus** from the dead.

People were praising Jesus as King!

PROBLEM: They wanted *salvation from the Romans* and *NOT their sins!*

- They were **looking** to Jesus to start the **revolt** against Rome!

Jesus **wasn't** riding into town as a **victorious KING**, but rather as a **HUMBLE KING**.

- He was riding a donkey—not a horse!

Jesus was coming into town as the KING who was being submissive to the will of His FATHER.

Your Bible: **TRIUMPHANT ENTRY**

- *What if I told you that this was NOT the TRIUMPHANT ENTRY?*

We call this the “TRIUMPHAL ENTRY” of Christ, but it was **NOT** the Triumphal Entry

Review: **Matthew 21:4-5** This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: 5 Tell Daughter Zion, “See,

*your King is coming to you, gentle,
and mounted on a donkey, and on a
colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

- Matthew is **quoting** from **Zech. 9:9**

BUT....

- *Matthew **left out part of
Zech. 9:9!***

*Matthew **quoted** from **Zechariah 9:9**
showing that Jesus was fulfilling a
500-year-old prophecy, but Matthew
left out parts so Zechariah 9:9 in his
quotation!*

- Was Matthew having **bad recall** or
was this **intentional?**

If you believe that the Holy Spirit was “**Guiding**” these men as they wrote down the Scriptures, then the fact that ***Matthew left out parts*** of **Zechariah 9:9** makes sense!

What part of Zechariah 9:9 did **Matthew** leave out?

Zechariah 9:9: *“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem!* Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Matthew leaves out: “Rejoice greatly,
Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph,
Daughter Jerusalem!”

- Matthew **leaves out** the word
“**Shout in triumph**”!
 - WHY? Jesus was **NOT** riding
in Jerusalem that day as a
TRIUMPHAL KING, but rather as
a LOWLY, HUMBLE KING.

All 4 Gospels record this event! (Not
all 4 Gospel record the same events)

- Each Gospel gives us a slightly
different “**Camera angle**”

The only other Gospel that quotes **Zechariah 9:9** as being fulfilled in **John's**.

- Does John quote all of Zechariah?
NO!

John 12:14-15 “Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written: 15 Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion. Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt.”

- John also **leaves out** the word “**Shout in triumph**”!
 - WHY? Jesus was **NOT** riding in Jerusalem that day as a **TRIUMPHAL KING**, but rather as a **LOWLY, HUMBLE KING**.

Luke's record of the event is NOT one of a TRIUMPHAL KING entering Jerusalem, but rather as a “**crying King**”!

Luke 19:41-42 “As he approached and saw the city, *he wept for it*, 42 saying, “If you knew this day what would bring peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

- They could not see “**what would bring peace**”!
 - They could not see that placing their faith and trust in Christ to deliver them from

their sins is what would bring them “**real**” peace!

- They could not see it because the **CROSS** had not yet **happened**!
- The necessity of Christ going to the CROSS was “**hidden from [their] eyes**” because the CROSS had to happen to satisfy God’s wrath upon sin!

Jesus wept because He knew terrible days were coming: **Luke 19:43-44**

“For the days will come on you when your enemies will build a barricade around you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. 44 They will

crush you and your children among you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone on another in your midst, because you did not recognize the time when God visited you.”

- Even **after** the **cross**, the **majority** still did not accept that Jesus was their Messiah!
 - *They still refused to accept that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.*

Because the time of rejoicing won't happen until **Christ's 2nd coming**

Another line from Zechariah Matthew omits is: **“he is righteous and**

victorious” is **omitted** from
Matthew’s quotation! WHY?

- Because the time of rejoicing won’t happen until **Christ’s 2nd coming**

Matthew leaves out the phrase

“Shout in triumph”;

John leaves out the phrase **“Shout in triumph”**

- WHY? Because this was NOT the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY of Christ!

The King’s Return IS Prophesied!

Let’s look at the full picture!

Zechariah 9:9-10 **“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph,**

Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The bow of war will be removed, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion will extend from sea to sea, from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.”

- This is the **complete picture** of the coming Messiah!

Complete picture:

- The Messiah rides into Jerusalem on a donkey in **TRIUMPH!**
 - **TRIUMPH** over **humanities'** enemies: **Sin and death**
 - He **defeated Sin and Death** on the Cross at His **1st entry!**
 - **TRIUMPH** over His **enemies**—He will have **defeated the armies** of the world who will gather against the Jews in Jerusalem—the **Battle of Armageddon**
- The Messiah rides into Jerusalem on a donkey in **TRIUMPH!**
 - He will have **won the war** to **end all wars!**

- No more war on the earth:
“He will proclaim peace to the nations”
- The Messiah rides into Jerusalem on a donkey in **TRIUMPH!**
 - He will reign: “from sea to sea, from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.”
 - He will **BE** the KING of the WORLD!
 - He **will reign** as the KING over all kings!
 - He will be the LORD over all lords!

The **1st time** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey he came down the **Mount of Olives!**

- **Luke 19:37** says Jesus rode on the “**path down the Mount of Olives**”
- At the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (**the 2nd coming**) the Mount of Olives will once again play a role!

Zechariah 14:3-4 “Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations as he fights on a day of battle. 4 *On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. The Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to*

west, forming a huge valley, so that half the mountain will move to the north and half to the south.

- At the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (**the 2nd coming**) Jesus won't be "**Coming down a path on the Mount of Olives**", the **Mount of Olives** will "**SPLIT in half**" when His feet touch down on it!
 - Talk about POWER!!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the **1st time** the only people who saw it were those on the path going from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem and those who were in the **area inside of Jerusalem when Jesus entered.**

- Jesus' 1st entry was a small, **local event**—seen only by a “**large crowd**”

The TRIUMPHAL ENTRY that is prophesied to happen will be seen **BY THE WHOLE WORLD!**

- **Matthew 24:27** “For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”
- **Revelation 1:7** “Look, he is coming with the clouds, *and every eye will see him*, even those who pierced him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn over him. So it is to be. Amen.”

Jesus is COMING again and

- When He returns it will be in complete **TRIUMPH!**
- When He returns the **whole world** will see Him
- When He returns it will **too late** for those who rejected Him!
- When He returns it will be to rule and **reign** on the earth for **1,000 years**
 - *If you are a believer, you will reign with Him!*

History will REPEAT itself!

Jesus is COMING again and there is NOTHING that will stop HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY!

- Although the Gospels do not tell us which gate Jesus entered into that day, it is generally believed He entered the **East Gate** (The Golden Gate or the Beautiful Gate) of Jerusalem
- The **East Gate** faces the **Mount of Olives**
- The **East Gate** is known in Hebrew as *Sha'ar Harahamim*, the “**Gate of Mercy.**”
- The **East Gate** gives the most direct access to the temple mount

- The **East Gate** is the only **visible entrance** to the city of Jerusalem **from the East**.
- The **East Gate is the oldest of all the Gates**
 - It is the only one not rebuilt by Suleiman the Magnificent in AD 1539-42
- The East Gate was **walled** up by the **Arabs** in the **year 810**. It has remained closed now for nearly 12 centuries. **(SHOW PIC)**

According to Jesus in **Matthew 24:27**, His coming will be like lighting that **“comes from the east”**

- **Christ entered Jerusalem through the EAST GATE**
- **Christ will enter Jerusalem through the EAST GATE**

The King's Return is Prophesied

YOU

This is just **ONE prophecy** that Jesus fulfilled on His first coming!

- Like many prophesied He fulfilled there are still more parts yet to be fulfilled at His second coming!

Are You Ready for the Return of the King?