



SERMON NOTES

THE CROWD, THE COLT AND THE KING

April 5, 2020

Luke 19:28-38; Mark 2:1-12

□ THE CROWD

- “When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.” – Luke 19:28
- The crowd was there to celebrate the **PASSOVER**
- The Passover was a type of “Independence Day” for the Jews
- It not only looked back at the **PAST**, but it also looked forward to the **FUTURE**
- Jesus had been to Jerusalem many times in His life, but this was different
 - **His first visit** – to be dedicated (Luke 2:22)
 - **Yearly ritual** – to celebrate Passover (Luke 2:41)
- He had been taught as a child about spiritual matters and keeping the tradition (Proverbs 22:6)
- The crowd was looking for a **TEMPORAL** king
- Jesus enters Jerusalem on the day the priest chooses the **PASSOVER LAMB**

□ THE COLT

- Humility, a beast of servitude; “beast of burden”
- Used in the coronation of a new king (Solomon – I Kings 1:32-35)
- A colt could be “**commandeered**” for use by a religious or political leader for short-term use
- It was **tied up** and the LORD **knew it** (Luke 19:30)
- Commanded to be “**loosed**” for use (Luke 19:33)
- This one had **never been ridden** (Mark 11:2); consecrated and set apart for the use of the king
- The colt must be **BROUGHT** to the King (Luke 19:35)
- The colt represents US
- Like the colt, we need to be brought to the King
- “Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.” – Mark 2:3
- He, like us, got used to “laying” in his sin
- We need to bring our struggles, burdens and sins to the King
- “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you.’” – Mark 2:5
- After the colt is brought to the King, it is used to bring the King to others
- The colt had a **PURPOSE**

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S E R M O N N O T E S

□ THE KING

- The King has the **AUTHORITY** to call the colt
- **The clothes** – The anointing of a king (Jehu – II Kings 9:13)
 - **Outer garments** – our pretensions, our “costumes”
- **The palm leaves** – a symbol of victory
- This was a **ROYAL** processional
- Jesus had often avoided this type of attention
 - After cleansing the leper – Matthew 8:4
 - Healing the two blind men – Matthew 9:30
 - Healing on the Sabbath – Matthew 12:15-16
- He was now presenting Himself to the nation of Israel, and its enemies, as the Messiah (Savior)
- He is the PASSOVER LAMB; the final one!
- We look for NATURAL solutions to SPIRITUAL problems
- This paralytic was sick **FROM** sin; we need to be sick **OF** sin
- **Hossana, Hossana** – Save now! (Matthew 21:9, Psalm 118:25:26)
- He comes to establish the spiritual Kingdom before the physical one
- He came to set the **CHURCH** straight; not the world
- Two cleansings recorded in the gospels; one in the beginning of His ministry (John 2:13-18) and one in the end (Luke 19:45-46)
- Through this, Christ identifies the importance of the church in the deliverance of **all** people
- We want God to **change our situations**, when sometimes **He wants to use our situations to change us**
- He challenges the religious “rites” (Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes)
- He warns of the End Times (Luke 21:7-38)
- He is not the king they **EXPECTED** king; He is king they **NEEDED**
- The king we want is **never sufficient**; the King He gives is **ALL sufficient**
- He’s coming back riding another colt; a white horse (Revelation 6:1)
- We need to be **READY** at His return!



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