

FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP of Fairfield Glade
Pastor David M. Evangelista ~ 4.05.09 ~ Text: Mark 11:1-10
Palm Sunday ~ "Your King Comes to You"

Text: *Mark 11:1–10: "As Jesus and His disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. "Go into that village over there," He told them, "and as soon as you enter it, you will see a colt tied there that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you what you are doing, just say, "The Lord needs it and will return it soon."*

The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside a house. As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing untying, untying that colt?" They told them what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and He sat on it. Many in the crowd spread their coats on the road ahead of Jesus, and others cut leafy branches in the fields and spread them along the way. He was in the center of the procession, and the crowds all around Him were shouting, "Praise God!" Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in the highest heaven!"

Sub text (Old Testament) Zechariah 1:8: *"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt the foal of a donkey."*

Who is this king? What makes Him different from any other monarch? **HIS CLAIMS!** He claimed to be **eternal!** *Revelation 1:8—"I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God," who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty!"* This is a striking demonstration of the eternity of His being! Who can make such a claim as this, that he would have to be insane or an imposter. He also claimed

to **have power over death and Hades!** *Rev. 1:18—"I am the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."* Hades is a place of conscious torment where the lost of all ages go at death to await the last judgment. Death is the gateway that ushers them to that place. By the same token, death to the saints is precious in the Lord's sight, because it is the gateway to heaven and the Lord has the keys to both places. The keys are emblems of authority. Through His death, He earned the right to carry the keys. He claimed to **fulfill prophecy.** (Revelation 22:16). As David's Lord, He is the Root. As David's Son, He is the offspring through Mary. As the predicted Messiah, He is the bright and Morning Star.

He also claimed to be **the sacrifice for sin.** (See *John 12:32, 33*). The brazen serpent of Numbers 21, that John referred to in this verse, was a picture of Christ being lifted up. We who are wounded and dying from the results of sin can be healed. This King claimed to be the **"Light of the world.** (See *John 8:12*). He lightens the hearts and minds of mortal men to spiritual truth that sets them free! He claimed to be the **Way, Truth & the Life.** He is the *life* that saves—He is the *truth* that that saves—He is the *way* in which to walk!

He also claimed to be **the bread of life.** (John 6:33). He satisfies the holiness of a holy God i.e. His justice. He satisfies the hungry soul—He satisfies the needs of man—He is the life-giving, nourishing part of us—no Christ—no life!

This Savior also claimed to be the **source of all power!** (See *Colossians 1:16-17*). He said *"All power is given unto me in heaven and earth."* He holds all things together and He demonstrated this by His miracles, His power over the elements, death and disease.

He also claimed to be the **"Resurrection and the life."** (See John 11:25). He alone can resurrect the dead, He alone will judge the living and the dead, and He alone can give His saints resurrected, glorified bodies! **All these claims of the Son of God reveal the nature of His mission.** He did not come to be ministered unto (See Matthew 20:28). Great men on earth love to be served and waited on and feasted. This great King came to give what the world needed—salvation from destructive sin! Although He created man, He came to serve Him!

He came to **glorify the Father.** (See John 17:4) He magnified the Father in the presence of men; He obeyed Him even to the death of crucifixion. He came to suffer and die. (See Mark 8:31). He was the only person born to die and we were born to live. His death provided life eternal for us! His love for us compelled Him! He also came to open a **new way.** (See John 10: 9). In the Old Testament sin offerings, the sheep would die for the shepherd, in the New Testament, the Shepherd died for the sheep!

His future mission is described in John 14: 3 and Acts 1:11 plus many other passages—**HE WILL COME AGAIN!** What will He do when He comes? He will raise the dead, change the living saints, and take vengeance of those who obey not the gospel, destroy the antichrist, restore the people of Israel, rule the nations in righteousness, reward the faithful and bring to the world everlasting righteousness!

Thought for the day: Should our Lord Jesus come today and are you ready?

Samuel Rutherford said: "Believe in God's love and power more that you believe your own feelings and experiences."

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