

## Kings Ride Horses

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### MATTHEW 21:1-11

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#### Week's Core Competency:

**Hope:** "I can cope with the hardships of life and with death because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ." (Hebrews 6:19-20)

#### Introduction:

Historically, kings ride horses! But this King rode an unbroken donkey—a symbol of humility and peace. Jesus rode into Jerusalem, not as a conqueror on a white stallion—that would come later—but as a humble King "endowed with salvation."

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
He is just and endowed with salvation,  
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey"  
(Zechariah 9:9).*

### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

One week before His crucifixion, Jesus formally presented Himself as the Messiah-King of Israel. The crowds were celebrating. They were laying down palm branches on the roadway for Jesus. They were singing Messianic psalms. "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD" (Psalm 118:26). To them Jesus represented a kind of prosperity and freedom from Roman rule.

In contrast to this scene, in Revelation 19:11-16 at the end of the tribulation period, Jesus is seen coming out of heaven riding on a white horse. In Revelation 20:16, the words, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS were written on His robe. He will no longer ride in humility on the back of a donkey. He never again will ride into Jerusalem in preparation for His crucifixion.

In His First Coming, Jesus came to die; in His Second Coming, He returns as a conquering King to reign on His Millennial Kingdom on earth. On Palm Sunday, Jesus presented Himself as King to the Nation Israel. But later they rejected Him and demanded that He be crucified.

## ① EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read Matthew 21:1-11 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

<sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied *there* and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me.

<sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet (Zechariah 9:9):

<sup>5</sup> “SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,  
‘BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,  
GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,  
EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF  
BURDEN.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them,

<sup>7</sup> and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats.

<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road.

<sup>9</sup> The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF  
THE LORD (PSALM 118:26);  
Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>10</sup> When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## ② EXPLORE His Word

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What does God MEAN?

1. a. What do you think is the significance of the reference to Zechariah 9:9?

b. Why is it important to indicate that Jesus’ actions were a fulfillment of Scripture?



## **③ EMBRACE His Word**

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

### **Sermon Notes**

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# 30 CORE Competencies

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## 10 Core Beliefs

**Trinity** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Salvation by Grace** *Ephesians 2:8-9* I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Authority of the Bible** *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

I believe the Bible is the Word of God and has the right to command my belief and action.

**Personal God** *Psalms 121:1-2*

I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life.

**Identity in Christ** *John 1:12*

I believe I am significant because of my position as a child of God.

**Church** *Ephesians 4:15-16*

I believe the church is God's primary way to accomplish His purposes on earth today.

**Humanity** *John 3:16*

I believe all people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Savior.

**Compassion** *Psalms 82:3-4*

I believe God calls all Christians to show compassion to those in need.

**Eternity** *John 14:1-4*

I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus Christ is returning to judge the earth and to establish His eternal kingdom.

**Stewardship** *1 Timothy 6:17-19*

I believe that everything I am or own belongs to God.

## 10 Core Practices

**Worship** *Psalms 95:1-7*

I worship God for who He is and what He has done for me.

**Prayer** *Psalms 66:16-20*

I pray to God to know Him, to lay my request before Him and to find direction for my daily life.

**Bible Study** *Hebrews 4:12*

I read the Bible to know God, the truth, and to find direction for my daily life.

**Single-mindedness** *Matthew 6:33* I focus on God and His priorities for my life.

**Spiritual Gifts** *Romans 12:4-6*

I know and use my spiritual gifts to accomplish God's purposes.

**Biblical Community** *Acts 2:44-47*

I fellowship with other Christians to accomplish God's purposes in my life, others' lives, and in the world.

**Giving Away My Time** *Colossians 3:17*

I give away my time to fulfill God's purposes.

**Giving Away My Money** *2 Corinthians 8:7*

I give away my money to fulfill God's purposes.

**Giving Away My Faith** *Ephesians 6:19-20*

I give away my faith to fulfill God's purposes.

**Giving Away My Life** *Romans 12:1*

I give away my life to fulfill God's purposes.

## 10 Core Virtues

**Joy** *John 15:11*

I have inner contentment and purpose in spite of my circumstances.

**Peace** *Philippians 4:6-7*

I am free from anxiety because things are right between God, me, and others.

**Faithfulness** *Proverbs 3:3-4*

I demonstrate loyalty in my relationships with others in response to God's loyalty to me.

**Self-Control** *Titus 2:11-13*

I have the power, through Christ, to control myself.

**Humility** *Philippians 2:3, 4*

I choose to esteem others above myself.

**Love** *1 John 4:10-12*

I sacrificially and unconditionally love and forgive others.

**Patience** *Proverbs 14:29*

I endure patiently under the unavoidable pressures of life.

**Kindness/Goodness** *1 Thess. 5:15*

I choose to do the right things in my relationships with others.

**Gentleness** *Philippians 4:5*

I am thoughtful, considerate and calm in dealing with others.

**Hope** *Hebrews 6:19-20*

I can cope with the hardships of life and with death because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ