

## **Behold Your King** **Zech 9:9**

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you;  
He is just and having salvation,  
Lowly and riding on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey. NKJV

We have little understanding or appreciation of a King. We long ago threw off the oppressive tyranny of King George. As a whole we have little use for nations that are ruled by kings.

But it was not so in Bible days. The people understood that they needed a king to govern and to protect the nation. There had been kings, almost for ever, it seemed and they now were under the dominion of the king (Caesar) of Rome. They wished for their own autonomy and their own king. A king like David that would once again raise the standing of the Jews to world leaders and give them freedom from foreign oppressors that they had know for the past 600 years.

They all knew of the prophecy of Zachariah 9. It told of that great day when the Messiah, their ultimate king would come to Jerusalem in triumph and glory.

Jesus also knew of this prophecy and we see in the gospels how He set it all up. The disciple had no idea of what Jesus was doing, but Jesus was going to fulfill that prophecy. He would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey, a colt of a donkey to offer Himself as their king.

In each of the gospels we see this unfold. Jesus had been in the area now for a few weeks. He has taught and healed a number of people. He has raised Lazarus from the dead after four days, for which there was no explanation. The people sense His wisdom and they see His power. They will gladly have Him as king and they will gather behind Him as an army to overthrow the Roman oppressors. This is a great day. The multitudes line the road as Jesus enters Jerusalem. They are in such a fervor that they take their own robes and lay them down before the donkey to pave the way. They take branches from the palm trees and also cast them down as Jesus makes this entry into Jerusalem.

Luke is the one who brings two other facets to this occasion. First he recollects how some of the Pharisees call on Jesus to rebuke the multitudes for their outbursts of praise. They are afraid that the Romans will see this as a rebellion and come in with their armies and crush them. They are doing well and would rather have the status quo than to do what was right.

Then Luke tells us of how Jesus stops outside the city and weeps over it. Although there is a multitude that have turned out to praise Him yet their hearts are not pure. They do not follow Jesus out of pure motives. Jesus knows how that they will reject Him within just a few days and call out for Him to be crucified.

The disciples must also see it that way. Each one of them has been talking about the coming kingdom and what position they will have in it. Positioning themselves for the best advantage.

But Jesus will disappoint them all. For the kingdom He has come to establish is a spiritual kingdom and not a physical one. And the King He has come to be is a humble and lowly one and not proud nor arrogant.

But that is only through that time period. Today Jesus is King of kings and Lord of Lords. He is a true king who will not allow crimes against Him and His kingdom to go unpunished.

But as I said, most people do not see Jesus that way because we have such a distorted view of God and the idea of King Jesus. Let us look at the Bible to find out the nature of the King of ages.

## I. First Mention

- A. When they were still in the wilderness before they took the promised land.
  - 1. De 17:14 "When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,'
- B. They would reject the Lord as their king and desire a man to be their king.
  - 1. 1Sa 8:7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.
- C. There is a desire in man to be like everyone else and to have what they have instead of what God gives us.
  - 1. That in reality is a rejection of God as our king
  - 2. In the temptation, Jesus refused to make the stones become bread because He would trust in God instead of Himself.

## II. But God Does Not Relinquish His Sovereignty

- 1. Ec 8:4 Where the word of a king is, there is power; And who may say to him, "What are you doing?"
- B. Even though God allows people to work against Him and to defy Him.
  - 1. We have taken God's longsuffering and have thought it was disinterest.
  - 2. One of the best examples of this is how God dealt with the nation of Israel toward the close of the kingdom of Judah.
  - 3. They thought that because they were the children of Abraham and the promises to Abraham that God had no choice but to bless them.
  - 4. They thought that because God's glorious temple built by Solomon was in Jerusalem that God would never allow it to fall.
  - 5. But the tragedy of it all was they forgot that we never have God over a

barrel proverbially speaking.

6. God has limitless options.

C. Because God truly is King.

1. Jesus was no less king that day when they arrested Him in the garden
2. He was no less king when they mocked Him and put a crown of thorns on His head.
3. He was no less king when they tore His flesh from His body under the heavy hand of the scourge.
4. He was no less king when they nailed Him to the cross and once again defied Him of His royalty by mocking his words there on the cross.

D. Fallacies Men Believe

1. That you can defy God and never pay the consequences.
2. That you can relegate God to a minor role in your life and still have a wonderful life.
3. That you can promise God everything and do nothing and have no adverse consequences.

III. Jesus is Still King

A. Re 19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

B. Ps 29:10 The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.

C. Ps 95:3 For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods.

D. What is our response

1. We can be like the fickle crowds of His day.
2. We can praise Him one day and when He does not do as we want we can condemn Him the next.

E. Read Psalm 145 Responsively

- 1 Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:
- 2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.
- 3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

- 4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.
- 5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- 6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.
- 7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;
- 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 ¶ I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.
- 10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
- 11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:
- 12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:
- 13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:
- 14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.
- 15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—"The LORD is one," And His name one.