

The Unlikely Ways of the King of kings

Matthew 21:1-9

Introduction

- If you were given the opportunity to make a grand entrance...how would you do it?
- The followers of Jesus, were no doubt expecting their Messiah to enter His city with great pomp and circumstance.
- We see two purposes reoccurring in the life of our Savior:
 1. To do the will of His heavenly Father.
 2. To fulfill Old Testament prophecies.
- Jesus went to Jerusalem determined to accomplish these two purposes. (cf. Luke 9:51)
- In this Palm Sunday story we are brought face to face with the unlikely ways of the King of kings.

Part I – The Way of Humility...

- Jesus is described as the King of kings and Lord of lords. This is hardly the description of one who enters His capital city riding on a lowly donkey.
- Jesus came in poverty, meekness, and humility. This should not surprise for this was His message all along as He taught His disciples. (cf. Mathew 18:1-4)
- Jesus' disciples didn't seem to understand the Lord's purpose and too often we don't either.
- Where we fail, Christ succeeded. Where we miss the mark, Christ's righteousness is credited to us!

Part II – The Way of Fulfillment...

- Jesus entrance into Jerusalem riding on "*a colt, the foal of a donkey*" was not by chance. (cf. Zechariah 9:9-10)
- Jesus life was a grand fulfillment of prophecy that culminated in His resurrection.
- John the Baptist was the first to point to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies when He said: "*behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*" (cf. John 1:36)
- Consider just a short list of some of the prophecies fulfilled by Jesus. (*got them down and look them up later*)

Part III – The Way of Obedience...

- Jesus purpose and life was one of perfect obedience to His Father. (cf. John 6:38)
- Even as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane He submitted to His Father's will. (cf. Matthew 26:39)
- He was obedient even to the point of death. (cf. Philippians 2:5-11)

Conclusion/Review

- Words of "Hosanna" (save now) soon changed to "crucify Him, crucify Him" yet Jesus went willingly because the way of the King of kings was the way of the cross. (cf. Galatians. 2:20)
- Our way through life may not always be pleasant but we are strengthened in knowing that our suffering is temporary because Jesus went the way of humility, fulfillment, and obedience FOR US!

(tuck these notes in your Bible for review and encouragement)