**R898\_Rumination for Apr. 10, 2022**

The **T**heme: **The King’s Ride into Jerusalem** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Thy King* ***C****ometh unto thee…riding upon an ass, and upon a* ***C****olt the foal of an ass.* Zech. 9:9

The **T**hots:

Today is traditionally regarded as Palm Sunday – the Sunday before **C**hrist’s **C**rucifixion.

What happened on that day? **–** **The King Rode into Jerusalem!**

1. **The Prophecy. Zech. 9:9**
2. **P**artly Fulfilled on **P**alm Sunday: Cf. Matt. 21:4-5
3. The **P**erson of the King – **P**redicted to be *sitting on the colt of an ass.*
4. The **P**rophecy: *Rejoice greatly…O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee:*

*He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

1. The **P**rophecy **P**artially **F**ulfilled: Mt. 21:4, 5

*All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet…Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.*

1. The **P**ersonality of the King Fulfilled in Jesus: Zech. 9:9, 10
* Not **P**rejudiced – *just*, cf. *Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust.* I Pet. 3:18
* His **P**urpose – *Having salvation*, cf. *Thou shalt call His name JESUS:*

 *for He shall save His people from their sins*. Mt. 1:21

* Not **P**retentious – *Lowly* cf. *Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly…* Mt. 11:29
* His **P**eace – *He shall speak peace,* cf. *The Lord of peace Himself give you peace.* II Thes. 3:16
* His **P**ower – Zech. 9:10f cf. *Jesus spake…All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.* Mt. 28:18
* His **P**lace – *His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, from the river even to the ends of the earth*

 Cf. *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth,*

 *and things under the earth;* Phil. 2:10

1. The **P**eople’s **P**roclamation of the King: Matt. 21:7-9
2. [The disciples] *brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon.*
3. *And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying,* ***H****osanna to the Son of David:*

*Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord;* ***H****osanna in the* ***H****ighest.*

1. Yet, these **P**eople **P**ractically **R**enounced the King on **P**re-**P**assover Night.
2. **P**ilot’s **P**resentation of the King. Jn. 19:14

*It was the preparation of the passover…and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!*

1. The **P**eople’s **P**rotest and **R**ejection of the King Jn. 19:15

*But they cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him.*

1. The **P**riests joined in: *Pilot saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King?* Jn. 19:15

*The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar*

1. The **P**roduct of their **P**rotests: *Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified.*

 *And they took Jesus, and led Him away.* Jn. 19:16

1. The **P**rophecy to be **F**ully **F**ulfilled one **F**uture Day.
2. The **P**art of the **P**rophecy yet to be **F**ulfilled: Zech. 9:9, 10
3. The **U**nbroken **P**eace on earth: *I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and He shall speak peace unto the heathen:*
4. His **U**niversal Rule:

*and His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.*

1. The **P**eriod when it will be **F**ulfilled – *the day of the Lord!* Cf. Zech. 14:1-7 1
2. The King’s **C**oming to do Battle.: Zech. 14:1-3

*Behold, the day of the LORD cometh…for I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle…*

*Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle*

1. The King and His **C**ompany from heaven:Rev. 19:14-16
*And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses… He should smite the nations*
2. The King’s Title on His **C**lothes *– And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written,*

*KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

1. **The Present Challenge:**
2. On **P**alm Sunday, the **C**rowd **C**alled out: Matt. 21:9

*The multitudes…cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that* ***C****ometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

1. On **P**re-**P**assover Night, the **C**rowd **C**ried out: *Away with Him, away with Him,* ***C****rucify Him*. Jn. 19:15
2. Today, what is your answer, as He **C**ommands you:

*And when He had given thanks…He said…this do in remembrance of Me.*

*Our Lord is now rejected, And by the world disowned,*

*By the many still neglected, And by the few enthroned,*

*But soon He’ll come in glory, The hour is drawing nigh,*

 *For the crowning day Is coming by and by.* D.W. Whittle

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 898**

1. On Palm Sunday, in the days of our Lord, great multitudes welcomed the Lord into Jerusalem. Matthew recorded this triumphant entry, thus, Matt. 21:8-10:

*And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way;*

*others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.*

 *And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying,*

***H****osanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;*

***H****osanna in the* ***H****ighest.*

*And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved…*

Yet a few days later, when Pilate, the governor presented this same Person whom they had hailed as their king earlier to them, there was a totally different response; thus…

*And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King?*

*The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.*

They rejected Him and wanted Him crucified as a criminal.

Is it possible for the human heart to change in such drastic measures in such a short time?

Yes, Jeremiah the prophet had written even earlier (Jer. 17:9) –

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

Yes, we see how deceitful and desperately wicked the heart of these Jews could be, when earlier they had acclaimed Jesus as King, crying out, *Hosanna to the Highest*, and just a few days later to reject Him, crying out, *We have no king, but Caesar, Crucify Him!*

Is man’s heart better this modern day with developments in technology, advancements in human relationships, and in many other areas of knowledge to make man a better person? What Paul wrote about modern man in his time then, still applies today. He wrote:

(Rom. 1:21-25) – *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

How is your heart today? How do you regard Jesus and God? **REFLECT.**

1. After the triumphant Entry into Jerusalem as King, a few days later Jesus had to Exit Jerusalem as a criminal (worse than the convict, Barabbas, Mt. 27:16-26) to be crucified on the cross for crimes He never committed.

In Heb. 13:13, the writer exhorted the Christians, “*Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach*.”

Today some Christians take this literally to carry wooden crosses up the claimed trail (*The Via Dolorosa*) that the Lord was known to take to go outside the city gate to be crucified, and a few even go to the extent of being nailed to crosses as the Lord was physically.

Is this what the Lord meant when He told His disciples: Matt. 16:24 –

*Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me,*

*let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.* If not, what did the Lord mean? What did Paul mean when He wrote Gal. 2:20 – *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.* **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *With Christ, to Die With Him is to Live For Him!*