**R921\_Rumination for Sept. 18, 2022**

The **T**heme: **Behold, thy King cometh** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext:*Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh…* Mt. 21:5

The **T**hots:

1. **The Prophecy of the Coming King:** Zech. 9:9

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, 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 **C**ommunity to Welcome the King: *O daughter of Zion; O daughter of Jerusalem*
2. The **C**haracter of their King: *He is just, and having salvation… lowly, and riding upon an ass*
3. The **C**all to Welcome the King: *shout…* *behold, thy King* ***C****ometh unto thee:*
4. The **C**ompany, *Enoch also…prophesied…Behold, the Lord* ***C****ometh with ten thousands of His saints.* Jud 14
5. **The Person of the Coming King:**
6. The **S**earch for the King by the **M**agi: Mt. 2:1-2

*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem…there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying,*

*Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have…come to worship Him.*

1. The **S**ight of the King - **H**omage to **H**is **M**ajesty – Mt. 2:11

*When…they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and*

*When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

1. **The Preparation of the Coming King to enter Jerusalem:**
2. His **I**nstructions to His Disciples: Mt. 21:2

*Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied,*

*and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto Me…* Mt. 21:6

1. His **I**ntentions: Mt. 21:2
2. To Fulfil the **S**cripture’s **M**andate: Mt. 21:4, 5

*All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet…* Cf. Zech. 9:9

1. To Fulfil His **S**aving **M**ission: Mt. 16:21

*From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem…suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,*

*and be raised again the third day.*

1. **The Proclamation of the Coming King by the Multitudes: Mt, 21:9-11**
2. *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.*

Cf. *Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass….* Mt. 21:5

1. *And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?* Mt. 21:10, 11

*And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee*

1. **Pilate’s Confrontation with the King**: (a few days after the King’s Entry into Jerusalem)
2. The **I**nquiry of His **I**dentity: Mt. 27:11

*The governor asked Him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.*

1. Pilate’s Offer to the crowd to **R**elease the King. They **R**efused and opted for a **R**obber. Mk. 15:9

*Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?*

*Then cried they all again… Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber*. Jn. 18:40

1. The King **R**ejected - the crowd **R**efused to **R**ecognise their King. Jn. 19:15

*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.*

1. The King **R**ailed and **R**idiculed: Mt. 27:29

*When they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in his right hand:*

*and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!*

1. The King **C**rucified on the **C**ross - *they crucified Him* Mt. 27:35-37

*…and set up over His head His accusation… THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

1. **The Coming Potentate (the King)** **to Conquer all His enemies.** Rev. 19:11-16
2. The **R**esurrection of the King:He would *suffer…be killed, and be raised again the third day* Mt. 16:21
3. The **R**eturn of the King: *this same Jesus…shall so come….as ye have seen Him go into heaven.* Acts 1:11

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True…And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses…And He hath on his vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

1. The **R**eign of the King: Rev. 20:6

*Blessed…is he that hath part in the first resurrection…they shall…reign with Him a thousand years.*

1. **The Commemoration of the King at the Lord’s Supper:**
2. *The Lord Jesus brake it (*bread*), and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you:*

*this do in remembrance of Me.*

1. *This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

*King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be;*

 *Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary.* Jennie E. Hussey

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 921**

1. On September 8, Queen Elisabeth II, the Sovereign queen of England was called home to her eternal rest. While it could be expected because of her long-blessed life of 96 years (21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022) on earth and over 70 years reigning as queen, the longest reign in the history of her country, yet it was also not very expected, because even two days before her death, she was still performing her royal duty in public to instal the new prime minister, Liz Truss. Indeed, her majesty was well regarded and respected for her sovereign rule not only in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland i.e., the United Kingdom but also over the Commonwealth of nations.

Today, succeeding her, as sovereign is King Charles III, her son. A new king is now enthroned after the glorious years of the queen’s reign.

For us, what stood out in the Queen’s glorious reign, was her impressive confession of her faith in Christ throughout her life. As recent as 22nd August, 2022, she testified boldly and clearly: “*Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find Hope*.” Her hope is now fulfilled as she finds eternal rest in the arms of her Sovereign King.

One day, no matter who we are, our life on earth will come to a definite end. Will you be able to say these very same words or even better as you witness to your close and intimate relationship with your Lord in life and now go to Him for your rest?

Paul at the end of his life, as he was about to be martyred, could say with great personal confidence: II Timothy 4:6-8, HCSB –

*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand**. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* *There is reserved for me in the future the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day,* *and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His appearing.*

**Note**:

* His **R**eadiness to depart from this world: *I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close*.
* His **R**eal accomplishments for the Lord and his Confidence:

 ***I have*** *fought the good fight,* ***I have*** *finished the race,* ***I have*** *kept the faith.*

* His **R**eward is **R**eserved for him:

*There is Reserved for me in the future the crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will give me on that day*

* And for other **R**ecipients with him too.

*and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His appearing.*

**Are you one of them?** **REFLEC**T

1. Christianity Today published a list of quotes from Queen Elizabeth II that testified to her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. <https://www.christiantoday.com/article/10.quotes.on.faith.from.queen.elizabeth.ii/84397.htm>

Among them was a powerful quote from the Queen as follows:

“*For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life,”* she said in 2000*. “I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ’s words and example... I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad,” she said. “Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God*.”

Can you identify yourself with her in the above or with Paul below?

Philippians 1:20-21 –  *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.* **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *The King Cometh – Is Your Response****:*** *Even so, come Lord Jesus?*