JESUS THE KING

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**TEXT: John 12:12-19; Daniel 9**

**INTRODUCTION**

For thousands of years, the Jewish people had been looking for their Messiah

They are expecting a great military leader, Like David

One who would overthrow all of their enemies and restore Israel to its former Glory

What they had not expected was that their King would first appear as a carpenter

They never expected that He would have no weapons, no army, and no political power

They certainly never thought that He would die on a Roman cross

However, throughout the earthly life of Jesus …

They were given evidence on top of evidence, that Jesus was who He said He was

He proved His identity time and again by His Miracles, by His Lineage, by the Place of His Birth, by Signs and Wonders too numerous to mention

Matter-of-Fact John says in **21:25 – *“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, …***

***… I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen”***

Yet, despite all this … they refused to believe that He was in fact their Messiah

-- Time and again He Revealed Himself unto them

-- And time and again they Rejected Him

So much so, that John puts it this way (**John 1:11**)

**“*He came unto His own, and His own received Him not*”**

In this 12th chapter of John's Gospel,

Jesus is once again about to reveal His identity to the nation of Israel

They will be given One Final opportunity to receive their King

This chapter, which records the details of the last days of Christ's public ministry … paints for us a portrait of **Jesus - The King**

In these verses, we will see Who He is, What He came to do and How He carried it out

As we consider these Truths about the Lord Jesus,

I challenge each of us to look into our own hearts and see where we stand in regard to Jesus being the King of our life

Have you received Him Saviour?

Or are you putting it off?

And if you are saved, is He the Lord of your Life?

Allow God’s Word to speak to your heart this morning as we consider together **Jesus - The King**

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**I. HIS “PRESENTATION” – vs. 12-19**

In these verses we see Jesus Presenting Himself as Israel’s Expected King

**A. The ‘Method’ of His Presentation – v.15**

He declares His Kingship by ascribing the Prophecy of **Zechariah 9:9** to Himself

***“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”***

Jesus cites **Zechariah 9:9** in **v. 15**

***“Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt”***

Jesus was clearly proving His identity by fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy

**1.** The Roman

When the Romans saw Jesus riding a donkey, they probably thought it was a joke

After all, what kind of king rides a donkey?

They did not see Him as a threat to their power

**2.** The Jewish Leaders

Many of the Religious Jews probably wondered why He did this

After all, wouldn't the Messiah be riding a powerful war horse?

Even His own Disciples didn’t understand the significance of what they were witnessing

**v. 16 – *“These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things unto Him”***

**3.** The Crowd

It seems that many of the common folks in the Crowd knew what was going on

Especially after he cited **Zechariah 9:9** in **v. 15**

When they saw Jesus entering the city in this particular Way, on this particular Day

… They Knew exactly what was happening!

Jesus presented Himself just as the prophet had said that He would

He came as the King!

**B. The ‘Moment’ of His Presentation**

Jesus made His ride into Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday

Just a few days before His death and exactly one week before His resurrection

His entrance into Jerusalem on this Particular Day was no Coincidence

Rather, His entrance into Jerusalem coincided exactly with Daniel's prophecy found in **Daniel 9:24-27 …**

In **Daniel 9** God's plan for the nation of Israel is on display

God will finish His work with Israel during a 70 week period

**1.** The Weeks here are Years and not days

… As we normally understand it

The original meaning of the word *week* means *a sequence or a series*

If you look in **v. 24** we see 6 things that will be accomplished during this period of Time

The last of those things is ***“to anoint the most Holy”***

**2. Daniel 9:24 – *“Seventy weeks”***

That’s a period of 490 Years

**3.** The Chronology

These years began with the order to rebuild Jerusalem found in **Dan. 9:25 a**

***“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem”***

That order was given by King Artaxerxes of Persia, on March 14, 445 B.C. – **Nehemiah 2:1-6**

The next phase covers 69 weeks of years broken down into two parts found in **Dan. 9:25 b**

***“unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times”***

It took 7 weeks of years, or 49 years to rebuild Jerusalem

All of this during times of great trouble

From that time, there were 62 weeks of years, or 434 years until Messiah was to come

These are, what are known as, the 400 silent years between Malachi and Matthew

If taken literally, these 483 years leading up to the coming of Messiah would equal 173,880 days

Ending on April 6, 32 A.D. or the exact day Jesus entered Jerusalem on the donkey!

It was also on this day that He was officially rejected by the nation of Israel, sealing their fate

**4.** After the Messiah came

There are several prophetic events that would take place

-- Messiah would be cut off - The crucifixion!

**Daniel 9:26** – ***“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself:”***

**Matthew 16:21 – *“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day”***

Israel’s refusal of their Messiah as led to their Blindness

**I Corinthians 1:23 – *“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;”***

**Romans 11:25 – *“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in”***

-- Jerusalem will again be destroyed

**Daniel 9:26 b – *“and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined”***

**Matthew 24:1, 2 – *“And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and His disciples came to Him for to shew Him the buildings of the temple” “And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? …***

***… verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down”***

This was fulfilled in 70 A.D. by Titus the Roman General

And will happen yet again

-- There will be a great war that will engulf Israel

According to **Ezekiel 38, 39** Russia and her allies will invade Israel

69 weeks, or 483 years of the prophecy have been literally fulfilled,

There is one week, or 7 seven years yet remaining

To put all of this into a nutshell, Jesus presented Himself as the King of the Jews on the exact day when the prophet said He would

Simply stated, Jesus came as the King!

He did exactly what God had said that He would do, to the letter

**C. The ‘Multitudes’ at His Presentation vs. 12, 13, 19 …**

These verses tell us that the people of Jerusalem came out to extol Jesus

The people who saw Jesus entering the city understood the implications of what He was doing

Therefore, they cried **“*Hosanna*”** which means *Save now*

In light of His miracles, most notable, that of raising Lazarus, and because of His public appeal, the people thought that Jesus would be the One who would overthrow their oppressors

These people were looking for a King

Yet, how fickle they were

In just a few days, some of these same people would join their voices with those crying ***“crucify Him”***

While they expected him to come as a King, they never expected Him to die

When it became apparent that Jesus would not overthrow Rome,

These same people who Extolled Him, turned on Him and Rejected Him

Yet, very literally, Jesus Demonstrated Himself to be the King of the Jews

He came unto His own, just as the prophets had said, and His own received Him not, just as the prophets had predicted

**Zechariah 13:6 – *“And one shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends”***

**HIS “PRESENTATION”**

**II. HIS “PURPOSE” – vs. 20-28; 32**

Next let’s look at **the Purpose** of His Presentation as King

Let’s look at 3 Purposes

**A. To ‘Die’ – vs. 24, 27, 32, 33 …**

Most of Israel did not understand His true Purpose in coming as their Messiah (Saviour)

They totally missed the concept of Saviour

Being lost, they had no idea that He came to die for their sin

These verses paint a clear picture of why this King came into the world

He came to die!

His work here was not about the Messages, the Miracles or the Ministry

His entire life was centered around the day He would

Go to Calvary

His entire purpose in living was to die on the cross!

Even if they would have made Him King He still would have died

Or else there wouldn’t be any Salvation for mankind

Jesus is the **“*lamb slain before the foundations of the world*”** – **Rev. 13:8**

Salvation as always been God’s plan

**B. To ‘Draw’ – vs. 23, 32 …**

There is something very compelling about the cross

When the Spirit of God makes it clear and when it finally dawns on the lost sinner that Jesus hung there for them

It becomes a thing of great power and amazement

To think that God would endure such a death to save a wretch like me!

That is almost more than the mind can comprehend!

I am convinced that the lack of sincerity in the church today can be directly attributed to a lack of emotion when confronted with Calvary

The truth of that brutal day doesn't seem to move people any more

I see it in a lack of people … getting saved, faithful to church and then those in church not responding to the Spirit’s Message

Especially those who claim to have been touched by its awesome, life changing power!

The cross still has the power to move!

But does it move us?

**C. To ‘Duplicate’ – v. 24 …**

Jesus saw His Death as a time of glory – **v. 23**

Why? He did not intend to stay dead!

By His Resurrection, Jesus would open the way for all men to be saved

Jesus used a picture familiar to all who heard Him

Everyone knew that before a crop could be harvested, seed had to be planted first

As those grains of seed were placed in the ground and died,

They provided the means whereby another plant would be produced

This new plant possessed the potential to bear thousands of new seed

Because Jesus died and is risen from the dead, He has the power to duplicate His life in every single person who places their faith in Him

**Galatians 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”***

**HIS “PURPOSES”**

**III. THEIR “PREJUDICE” – vs. 25-43**

They Demonstrated their Prejudice …

**A. By Rejecting His ‘Message’ – v. 34**

When these Jews heard Jesus speak of being ***“lifted up”,*** they knew He was referring to a crucifixion

They had trouble grasping the truth that their Messiah,

had to first taste of death for every man

(in their minds, He would be a great leader and conquer their enemies)

Therefore, just as men do today, they rejected the Message of the Cross and went on in their sins

**B. By Rejecting His ‘Ministry’ – v. 34**

Notice the question the people asked,

***“Who is this Son of Man?”*** (They were scoffing)

They were taking all of His Preaching, His Teaching and all His Wonders and throwing them out the window

They were literally rejecting every minute of His ministry

**C. By Rejecting His ‘Miracles’ – v. 37**

***“But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him:”***

Jesus clearly proved Himself to be the Messiah,

Yet the people still refused to hear or see the truth

This is still happening today!

People scoff at the message of the cross and of salvation through the blood all the time

**I Corinthians 1:18 a – *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;”***

Even though they have the evidence of many changed lives and the conviction within their own hearts,

They call the message outdated, confrontational, and narrow minded

Whatever the excuse, men are still choosing Hell rather than simply receiving the claims of the Lord Jesus

**THEIR “PREJUDICES”**

And lastly, let’s look at …

**IV. HIS “PROMISE” – vs. 44-50**

Even though most rejected Him …

**Matthew 7:13 – *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:”***

Yet He gave those who Believed Special Promises

Let’s look at those Promises Presented here

**A. The Promise of ‘Revelation’ – vs. 44, 45 …**

Jesus Promises those who received Him, had received God

May I remind you that Jesus is God in the flesh,

**John 1:1, 14 – *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth”***

He came to Reveal the Father to us

**Hebrews 1:3 – *“Who being the brightness of His glory,***

***… and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;”***

And if you have seen Him, you have seen the Father,

**John 14:9 – *“Jesus saith unto him, … he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father;”***

If any man wants to meet God, He will do so only through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ

**John 14:6 – *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me”***

Most people are looking for God in all the wrong places

He will only be found in one place

The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ!

**B. ‘Release’ – v. 46 …**

Jesus also Promised all those who believed on Him that they would be Freed from the Darkness of sin

I want you to know this morning that Jesus and Jesus alone has the power to break the chains of sin!

He can take any sinner and save him by His grace, give him a new life and set him free forever!

Jesus specializes in taking ruined, broken lives and making them new by His power

Jesus will set you free!

**C. ‘Rescue’ – vs. 47-50 …**

He further Promises all those who receive Him that He will Deliver them from the wrath and condemnation to come

When we receive Jesus by faith, we are Delivered from the penalty of our sin

We are taken from death into life and have all the condemnation removed

**CONCLUSION**

The Jews can say what they will, Jesus is still the King!

Men today can do what they please, Jesus is still the King!

Folk can live as they please, but Jesus is still the King and He will have the final say!

The only question that remains this morning is this, “Is Jesus your King?”

Do you know Him as your personal Lord and Saviour?

All I am asking is this, “Are you saved?”

With all the proof that we have been given, with all the Scriptures we have looked at, how could anyone not understand that Jesus is indeed the King?

If He is, then you will either face Him at an altar of repentance where you will come to Him by faith and be saved, or you will face Him at a throne of judgment where you will be forever condemned

What will it be? It’s your Decision