



RBC BIBLE STUDY FOR WEEK 5/04/2020

"MAKING AN ENTRY – DEMONSTRATION OF HUMILITY"

This could be what the scene looked like on the first Palm Sunday.

Bible Reading: Luke 19: 28 - 40

Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. ³⁰ "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. ³³ And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?"

³⁴ And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

³⁸ "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"^[a]

³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

⁴⁰ He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

Under normal circumstances we would be together celebrating Palm Sunday... the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. But here we are, all of us doing the best we can.

In the above reading, verse 38 is a direct quote from **Psalm 118: 26**.

Psalm 118 is a hymn of thanksgiving for deliverance from enemies. This was sung as the victorious king returned from battle.

This event was the fulfilment of prophecies made centuries before.

See **1 Kings 1: 33** - Solomon riding David's donkey to his coronation (The king from the Davidic line). As was Jesus!

See **Zechariah 9: 9** - this verse is quoted in Luke 19: 35, again a prophecy relating to the Davidic Messianic King.

So, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on this donkey as a fulfilment of bible prophecy.

- 1) What do you think the people were expecting of Jesus when He entered Jerusalem?
- 2) Why do you think the "Hosannas" of the crowd became cries of "Crucify Him" by the end of the week?

As much as anything else the ride into Jerusalem was a Kingdom of God statement.

- 3) What are some of the KOG statements Jesus is making here?

In other words, what does this tell us of the nature and character of the KOG?

I have a feeling that this story is also about expectation;

- Incorrect expectation
- Unreal expectation
- Unfulfilled expectation

- 4) Can you identify this from the story itself?

For your personal reflection:

- 5) How do you deal with your own expectations that come into the list above?

Next week's Bible Study "Alive!" Mark 16: 1 - 8