

THE TALE OF

THE KING

The King's Arrival

John 12:12-19



THERE WERE MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS IN THE CROWD THAT DAY

- 1.** The ***PASSOVER VISITORS*** from outside Judea **v. 12-18**
- 2.** The ***LOCAL PEOPLE*** who had witnessed the raising of Lazarus **v. 17**
- 3.** The ***RELIGIOUS LEADERS*** who were greatly concerned about what Jesus might do at the feast, who were at that very moment plotting His death **v. 19**

It may have looked as though Jesus was seeking to incite a revolution and establish Himself as King to replace Caesar, but that was not what He and His Father had planned.

WHAT DID IT ALL MEAN?

- First, what did this event mean to Jesus Himself?
- Second, what did this demonstration mean to the Romans?
- Third, what did the “Triumphal Entry” mean to the people of Israel, those in the crowd?

Notice at the Messiah’s entry into Jerusalem, the Passover pilgrims quoted from **Psalm 118:26**, which is a messianic psalm, and they proclaimed Him the “*King of Israel.*”

THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE

The name *Jerusalem* means “*city of peace*” or “*foundation of peace,*” and the people were hoping that Jesus would bring them the peace that they wanted from Rome’s iron hand; but they would not get it.

THE PEACE JESUS BROUGHT WAS TO OUR SIN WAR WITH GOD THE FATHER *through the forgiveness of the grace of the cross.*

The next time Israel, or for that matter the whole world, sees the King, the scene will be radically different! There will be no lowly donkey! ***Rev. 19:11-16***

IT WILL BE A SCENE OF VICTORY AS HE COMES TO DEFEAT HIS ENEMIES AND ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM.

THE TRUTH IS KING JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Jesus knew that He must die on the cross before He could enter into His glory, but everyone else, not so much. **Luke 24:25-26**

- You can understand their logic; what right-thinking Jew would want their newly-crowned King dead in His first week in office?
- Some were so puzzled by this they held that there must be two Messiahs: one who would suffer and one who would reign.
- What they misunderstood was there is one King and two comings; compare this entry into Jerusalem with another yet to take place!
Rev. 19:11-12
- The first entry left Him pitifully alone, for even His friends deserted Him, but the second He will be enthroned as the only true King—of both heaven and earth!

THE REACTIONS TO THE KING'S ARRIVAL **v. 16-19**

JOHN GOES ON TO RECORD THE REACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE THAT DAY TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE KING:

- Their confession, “. . . *the world is gone after Him*” (**v. 19**), seems strangely related to another confession made much later of the Lord's disciples: “These that have turned the world upside down, are coming here also.” **Acts 17:6**
- Many in Jerusalem missed the importance of the Messiah's first arrival . . . nobody in the world will miss the second.
Phil. 2:8-11

DO YOU KNOW THE KING OF KINGS?