

The Gospel of John Part 61: When the King Appears

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the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." 14 And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." 16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him, and that they had done these things to Him. 17 So the crowd, who was with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to bear witness about Him. 18 For this reason also the crowd went and met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing; look, the world has gone after Him."

mankind can ever experience, the joy of receiving Jesus as King. Unlike the fleeting happiness offered by the world, the joy found in Christ is rooted in His unchanging reign and extends beyond our present circumstances. Because our King has secured our eternal future, our joy remains steadfast even when life's circumstances are uncertain.

2) Jesus Fulfills Our Greatest Hope. Jesus entered Jerusalem exactly as the prophets foretold, fulfilling God's promise that Israel's King would come. Though the disciples did not understand it at first, they later recognized that God's Word had come to pass exactly as He had spoken. The same God who fulfilled His promises in Christ will also fulfill every promise He has made to His people today. Our hope is never wishful thinking but confident expectation grounded in the faithfulness of God. Because God has proven Himself faithful in the past, we can trust Him with our present and confidently await the glorious future He has promised to all who belong to Christ.

3) Jesus Exposes Our Greatest Fear. The Pharisees watched the crowds gathering around Jesus and realized that their worst fears were becoming reality. The influence they desperately tried to preserve was slipping away because the true King had come. Their fear exposed hearts unwilling to surrender to Christ. The same remains true today. Those who cling to the kingdom of this world will always fear what following Jesus might cost them. But when Christ becomes our King, fear gives way to peace because we no longer live to preserve our own kingdom. The only lasting security is found in surrendering to the One whose kingdom can never be shaken.

1) Jesus Becomes Our Greatest Joy. The crowd welcomed Jesus with palm branches and cries of "Hosanna!" What the psalmist anticipated as a future hope had become a present reality. Israel's promised King had arrived, and hope gave way to overwhelming joy. This is the greatest joy