



The Triumphal Entry: Understanding the Deeper Meaning

As we explore Jesus' final days before crucifixion, we discover a profound truth: what appears on the surface often carries deeper spiritual significance. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey amid shouts of "Hosanna," the crowd understood one meaning while God was working on an entirely different plane.

The people praised Jesus as the Son of David who would restore Israel's earthly glory. Yet behind their words lay divine truth they couldn't comprehend—Jesus came not for political revolution but spiritual salvation. This presentation examines the double meanings in Christ's triumphal entry and what they reveal about our own spiritual journey.

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The Weight of Divine Purpose

Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus prayed under the heavy weight of fulfilling His Father's divine will

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Spiritual Battle

Scripture is strangely quiet about the spiritual warfare Jesus was about to undertake

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God's Greater Plan

God was working to secure His created order from evil once and for all

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Triumphal Entry

Jesus rode into Jerusalem amid cries of "Hosanna! Save us!" while carrying a mission beyond human understanding

Our humanity pales in comparison to the importance of our spiritual nature. We are "spirits of God wrapped in holy tabernacles which we call bodies," created a little lower than the angels. Jesus entered Jerusalem not merely to save our physical bodies, but to rescue our spiritual beings from eternal darkness and separation from God.

The Double Meaning in Scripture

Double Entendre

A word or phrase with multiple interpretations, common in Jesus' teachings

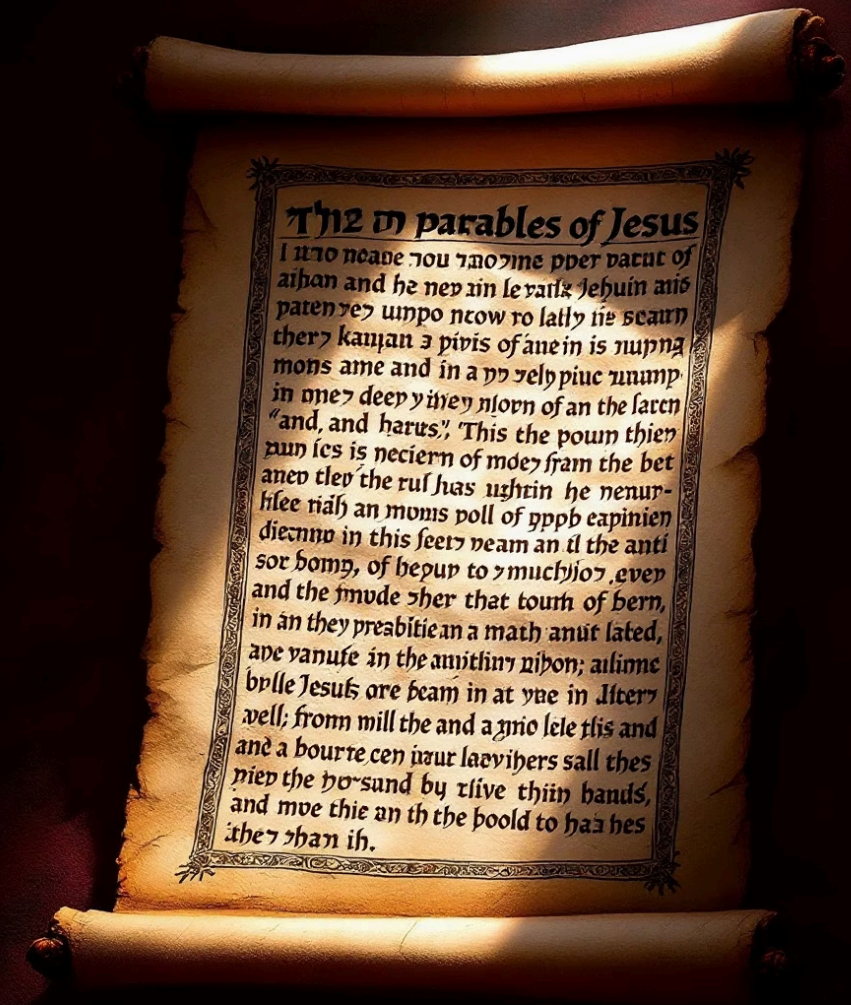
Parables

Jesus often spoke in stories where surface meaning concealed deeper spiritual truths

Triumphal Entry

The people's praise contained truth they didn't fully comprehend, speaking divine reality through human understanding

Jesus frequently employed language with layered meanings. While not suggesting Scripture contains anything inappropriate, the gospels often present words with both literal and spiritual interpretations. The crowd's praise during Jesus' entry into Jerusalem perfectly exemplifies this pattern—their words carried divine truth beyond their comprehension.



The People's Praise: What They Said vs. What It Meant

What They Said

"Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

They saw Jesus as David's descendant who would restore Israel's political glory and overthrow Roman rule.

They attached divine inspiration to their praise with "in the name of the Lord," but understood it in earthly terms.

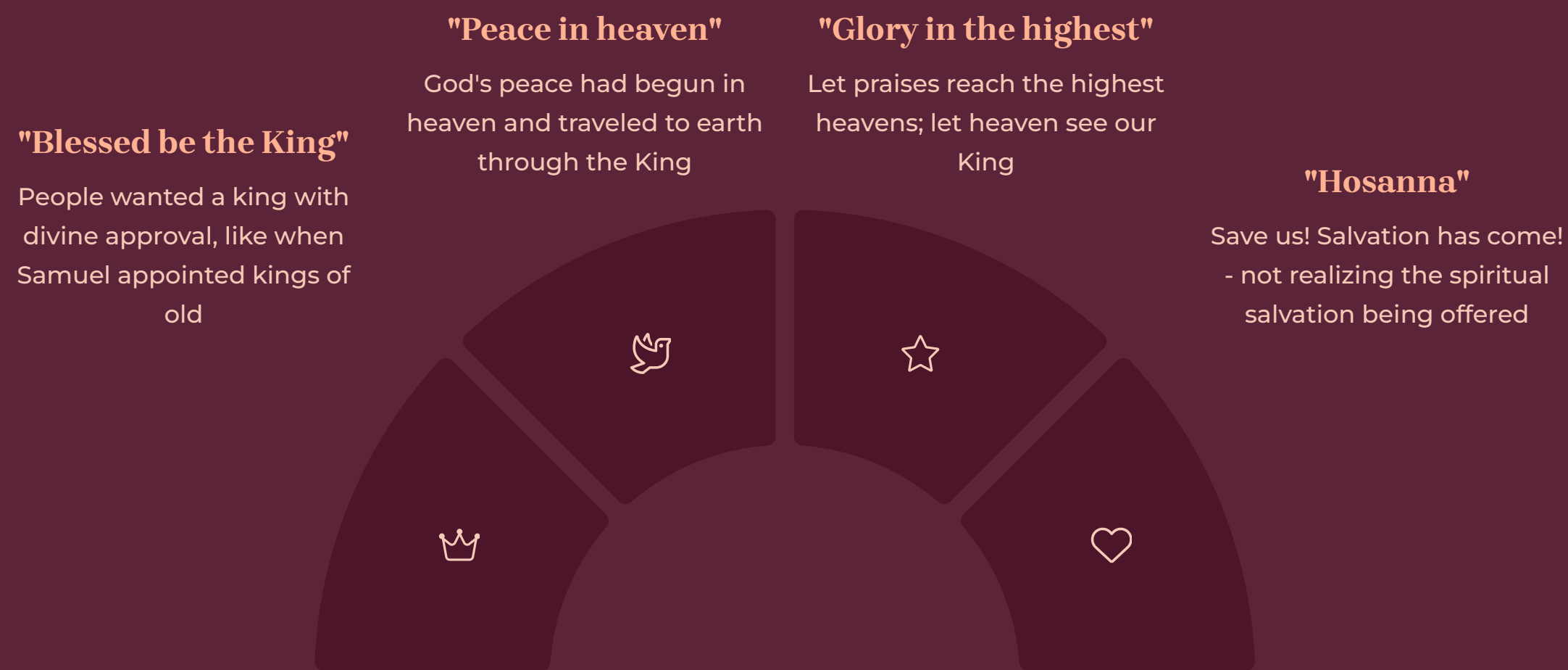
Deeper Meaning

Jesus was indeed David's son through Mary, but more importantly, He was the Son of God.

He was King not to lead military victories but to become the host of salvation for the entire world.

Everything Jesus did was to glorify His Father's kingdom and raise unto God a people worthy of His salvation.

The Praise in Luke's Gospel



In Luke 19:38, the people shouted: "Blessed be the King who cometh in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." They spoke these words from their mouths not realizing all that they meant—that not only were their earthly souls being saved, but their spirits were experiencing the beginning of justification and sanctification as new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Jesus Wept Over Jerusalem



Jesus' Sorrow

Despite the praise, Jesus wept when He looked upon Jerusalem



Spiritual Blindness

The city was blind to the double meaning of their praise

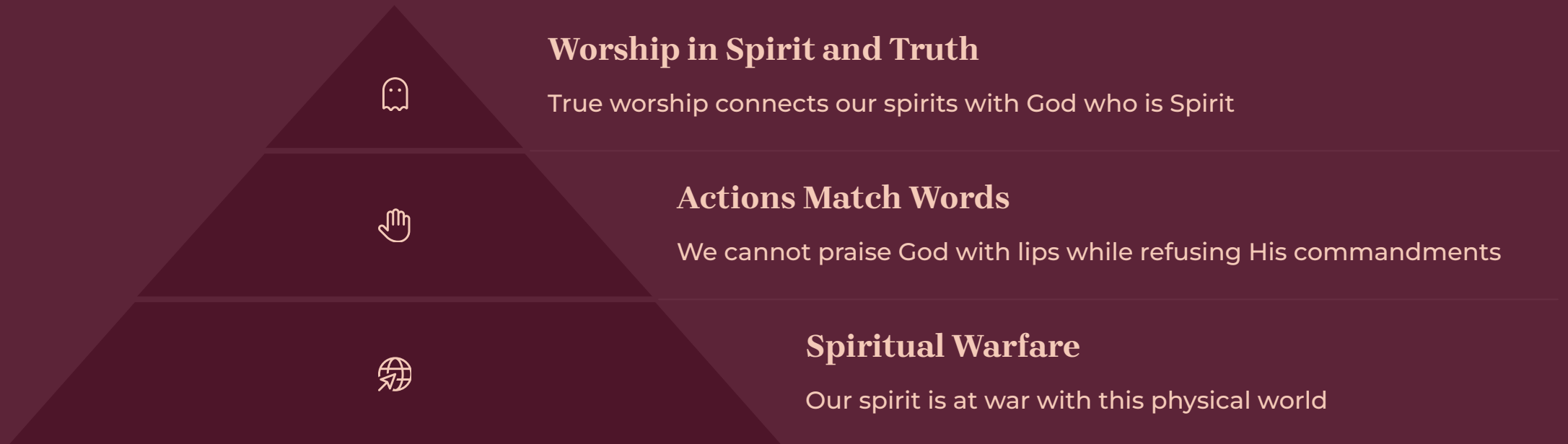


Coming Judgment

Jerusalem would be flattened for failing to recognize who Jesus truly was

The truly heartbreaking moment of Jesus' triumphal entry came when, despite all the celebration, Jesus looked upon Jerusalem and wept. His tears flowed because the people did not realize who He really was. Jesus said that if they had recognized Him, the peace upon Jerusalem would have been greater than anything imaginable. Instead, their spiritual blindness would lead to judgment—the city would be flattened to the ground upon which it was built.

Our Spiritual Reality Today



As we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem, we must remember the deeper meaning of God's Word. Just as God judged Jerusalem for failing to see Jesus for who He was, He will judge us for the same blindness. We cannot praise God with our lips while refusing to submit to His commandments to love one another, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, or visit the widows and sick. Our confession must align with our spiritual reality.

We must never forget that our spiritual nature is at war with this physical world. In our humanness, we are prone to say one thing while meaning another. Outside of praising the King, such double-speak becomes sin. We must be careful how we talk about one another, give willingly, and avoid greed.

Has He Died in Vain?

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King of Kings

No earthly ruler compares to Jesus' authority

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Lord of Lords

Only one true Master deserves our allegiance

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Choice

We must decide whom we will serve

God is a loving God who sent His only begotten Son into Jerusalem upon the back of a colt so that He could face death that we might have eternal life. Because of this great and marvelous sacrifice, we now have a choice—a choice to select whom we will serve.

Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. No matter how powerful earthly rulers may be, Jesus is greater. There is only One Lord, One Master, and His name is Jesus. The question remains: Has He died in vain? He died for you—do you believe in Him? If you live, let your life echo the true meaning of "Hosanna! Glory to the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to the highest!"