

Palm Sunday 2020

Matthew 21:1-3

1 And when they **drew near to Jerusalem** (nothing like this to me) and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives,

then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "Go into the village before you,

and straight away you shall find a donkey tied and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them to me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you,

you will say, 'The Lord needs them,'

and he will send them at once."

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Look! Your king comes to you;

He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey,
and on a male donkey, the foal of a female donkey!



The Lord knows where that which he requires is to be found. Perhaps it is nearer to us than we dream: "over against you." He told them that they would not have to search: "straightway ye shall find." When the Lord sends us on an errand, he will speed us on our way.

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- How cheerfully should we hand over anything the Lord has need of?
 - The owner of the donkey considered it an honor to provide for the Lord's ministry.

¹ C. H. Spurgeon, *The Gospel of the Kingdom: A Commentary on the Book of Matthew* (London: Passmore and Alabaster, 1893), 175.

- Has Jesus asked you to do something strange?
 - Give something unusual?
 - Called upon your obedience without discussion or objection?

Riding upon a steed:

*My help is in the name of the Lord
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 Hints for preaching a course of sermons on Rev. 19. 11 - 16.
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“Hints for preaching a course of sermons on Rev. 19.11-16”

Newton began this series on Sunday morning 27 July 1777, noting in his diary: ‘I began to preach this morning from a passage which is full of thy glory.’

“Sitting upon a white horse, represents a Warrior and a Conqueror. The Lord is always upon the watch as a Man of War in battle array for their defense. This One Glorious Horseman is of more avail, than all the chariots and horses which Elisha's servant saw. They were the angels of the Lord, but the Lord of angels, the Lord of hosts himself is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.”



Revelation 19:11–16

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war.

12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself.

13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God.

14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.

15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress.

16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

2nd Coming

FULFILLING PROPHECY

- **Dr. George Sweeting** once estimated that "more than a fourth of the Bible is predictive prophecy...Both the Old and New Testaments are full of promises about the return of Jesus Christ."
 - Over 1800 references appear in the O.T., and seventeen O.T. books give prominence to this theme.
 - Of the 260 chapters in the N.T., there are more than 300 references to the Lord's return--one out of every 30 verses.
 - Twenty-three of the 27 N.T. books refer to this great event...
 - For every prophecy on the first coming of Christ, there are 8 on Christ's second coming."²

When Jesus came the first time:

1. He came in the humblest of circumstances, rejected even from birth by the towns-keepers. When he returns, every eye will see Him and confess – "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord."
2. Few knew Him then,
BUT all will confess His ultimate rule, the nations will come to bow before Him for 1,000 years!

² Today in the Word, MBI, December, 1989, p. 40.

3. They were ashamed of Him and His mother Mary,
BUT when He returns they will be ashamed of not recognizing Him as
Messiah.

Revelation 1:7

7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,
even every one who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will
mourn over him. Yes, amen.

4. He rode on a donkey, but when he comes the second time he will be
riding a great white horse.
5. He came as a carpenter's son, but when he comes a second time it will
be as the King of King's and the Lord of Lord's.
6. He stood before Pilate, but when he comes a second time Pilate will stand
before him.