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**The Triumphal Entry**

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**INTRODUCTION – On June 2, 1953 the coronation of Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey, London. She ascended to the throne at the age of 25 after the death of her father, George VI, on February 6, 1952.**

**During the coronation service, Elizabeth took an oath, was anointed with holy oil, was invested with robes and regalia, and crowned Queen of the United Kingdom. Celebrations took place across the Commonwealth realms and a commemorative medal was issued.**

**It was the first British coronation to be fully televised; television cameras had not been allowed inside the abbey during her father's coronation in 1937. Millions across Britain watched the coronation live on TV, and many purchased or rented television sets for the event.**

**Elizabeth's coronation was also the first major world event to be broadcast internationally on television. It was the fourth and last British coronation of the 20th century.**

**It was estimated to have cost around 2 million dollars or adjusted for inflation around 20 million dollars in our day. The one-day ceremony took 14 months of preparation.**



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Along a route lined with sailors, soldiers, and airmen and women from across the British Empire and Commonwealth, guests and officials passed in a procession before about three million spectators gathered in the streets of London.

Some having camped overnight in their spot to ensure a view of the monarch, and others having access to specially built stands and scaffolding along the route.

For those not present to witness the event, more than 200 microphones were stationed along the path and in Westminster Abbey, with 750 commentators broadcasting descriptions in 39 languages; more than twenty million viewers around the world watched the coverage.

All across the Queen's realms, the rest of the Commonwealth, and in other parts of the world, coronation celebrations were held. On June 15, 1953, the Queen attended a fleet review at Spithead, off the coast at Portsmouth.

There were more Commonwealth naval ships present than at the 1937 coronation review. Royal Navy units included Britain's last battleship, HMS *Vanguard*, and four fleet and three light aircraft carriers.

Using the HMS *Surprise* as a royal yacht, the Queen and royal family started to review the lines of anchored ships at 3:30 p.m., finally anchoring at 5:10 p.m. This was followed by a fly-over of some 300 naval aircraft.

After the Queen transferred to *Vanguard* for dinner, the day concluded with the illumination of the fleet and a fireworks display.

That is quite the coronation! In our story this morning, we see the complete opposite of Queen Elizabeth's coronation. This is a lowly coronation of our Lord Jesus.

***"In all the coronations ever held in the history of the world, there has never been a monarch so supreme, so exalted, so pure, so powerful, so glorious, so sovereign, and so worthy as Jesus Christ. No one comes close, nor do all of them collectively even touch the hem of His infinite glory. Even though He is the most glorious person ever to receive a coronation, it is the lowliest and it is the most superficial and hypocritical of all coronations."* - John MacArthur**

**Point 1 – Jesus knows all things**

**[Luke 19:28-34](#)**



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*28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.*

**What things did he just talk about?** It was the Parable of the Ten Minas that Pastor Jody preached on last Sunday, which illustrated the very experience that He has in this coronation. So, after Jesus told this parable, he started toward Jerusalem.

*29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet.*

Now geographically, where is this? It's just east of Jerusalem. Remember they had just come from Jericho which is about 17 miles northeast of Jerusalem where the conversion of Zacchaeus took place, and now they are heading toward Jerusalem.

It also mentions this was at the mount that is called Olivet because of the dense olive groves that were there. The prophet Zechariah mentions the Mount of Olives concerning the coming Day of the Lord.

*Zechariah 14:4 - On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.*

And remember Jesus later gives the Olivet Discourse and talks about the signs of the end times. The garden of gethsemane was also at the foot of the Mount of Olives.

The Mount of Olives was also the site of Christ's ascension into heaven.

*Acts 1:10-12 - And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.*

So, a lot of important events in our Lord's life happened at the Mount of Olives.

Now notice the omniscience of our Lord Jesus put on display.

*29<sup>b</sup> He sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.*



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*33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it."*

**Now interestingly a similar event happened in the Old Testament in 1 Samuel 10. This is the anointing of Saul as King by Samuel the prophet.**

*1 Samuel 10:1-9 - Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage. 2 When you depart from me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the donkeys and is anxious about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?'" 3 Then you shall go on from there farther and come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. 4 And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from their hand. 5 After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying. 6 Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. 7 Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you. 8 Then go down before me to Gilgal. And behold, I am coming down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do." 9 When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all these signs came to pass that day.*

**So just as the Lord orchestrated this event using Samuel to communicate what would happen with Saul, so here Jesus orchestrates this event with the colt.**

**And we see other examples of Jesus' omniscience in the gospels. At the beginning of John's gospel, in chapter 1, Jesus saw Nathanael with His omniscience before He ever saw him with his eyes. In John chapter 2, it says that nobody needed to tell Him what in the heart of man because He knew what was in the heart of man.**

**In Matthew chapter 17, Jesus told the disciples to go throw their fishing line into the water and they would catch a fish, and they would pull the fish in, and in that fish's mouth would be coins to pay their taxes.**

**And this would not be the last time Jesus displays his omniscience in the particular way that he does in our story. Jesus knew all the details about the last supper.**



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***Luke 22:7-13** - <sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup> and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.*

**One of the reasons Jesus tells his disciples about things that will happen is so that they will believe, so that their faith in Him is strengthened.**

***John 14:28-29** - You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.*

**And listen, for us today, God has given His Word, His truth, so that we would believe and that our faith would be strengthened. We can have great confidence God's Word!**

**Now Luke doesn't mention who these two disciples were because they are not the emphasis of this part of the story. The story's emphasis in this section deals with our Lord's omniscience by providing so many details of the tied-up colt.**

**But I do want you to notice the obedience of the two disciples. Jesus told them to go and they went. May that be true of us, that we seek to do His will on earth as it is in heaven and that we would do it quickly with a cheerful heart, not slowly and grudgingly.**

**And listen, sometimes obedience to our Lord Jesus will be difficult, it will cost you. It may cost you loss of friends or family. It may cost you a promotion at work. You could lose a job because of being obedient to God's Word.**

**But know this – Peter says that even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed!**

**Now you may be wondering about something. Luke only mentions a colt. However, Matthew mentions a donkey and a colt. Is this a contradiction in the Bible? – No.**



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Matthew just adds the note about there being both a donkey and a colt and Mark and Luke just focus on the colt. God's Word never contradicts itself. It is perfect, infallible, and inerrant.

Notice also that this was a colt on which no one had ever sat. This animal was reserved for the Messiah from all eternity.

And there may be an echo here of Genesis 49:10-11 because tying and untying is mentioned five times. Genesis 49:10 speaks of a coming ruler, who most commentators believe is the coming Messiah, who would tie a colt to a vine.

*Genesis 49:10-11 - The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine.*

Now Jesus tells the two disciples that if anyone asks them what they are doing by untying the colt, they are to reply "the Lord has need of it." And rightly so because it is the Lord's to begin with. He owns everything!

*Psalms 24:1 - The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,*

*Psalms 50:10-12 - For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.*

And so it happens just as Jesus foretold them when he said they (that is the owners) will send them at once.

The owners questioned what the two disciples were doing, and they answered them according to what Jesus had told them and Mark tells us the owners let them go.

This is the amazing providence of God at work. God had ordained all of this. He both planned and knew it from all eternity.

And listen, God has ordained whatsoever comes to pass Amen? "He works all things according to the counsel of his will" Ephesians 1:11 tells us.

**Do you believe this? Do you believe this about your life? That God has ordained everything that happens to you? The joyful times and the difficult times?**





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If you believe on Christ, you can trust the Lord, knowing that he is working all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

Now at this point in the story, in Matthew's account, he quotes from Zechariah 9:9:

*Matthew 21:4-5 - <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"*

Matthew wants his readers to understand that this was the fulfillment of one of the many prophecies concerning the coming Messiah.

And did you know that this was just one of over three hundred prophecies that Jesus fulfilled? Jody touched on this last Sunday.

Someone once said that the odds of Jesus fulfilling just eight of these prophecies would be like filling the state of Texas with 100 trillion silver dollars, which would make them two feet deep.

Then mark only one of those coins and blindfold a person and let him travel the state and choose one random coin and the odds of him picking that marked coin are the same odds as Jesus fulfilling just eight of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.

**Point 2 – Jesus is worthy of praise and worship**

**Luke 19:35-36**

*<sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.*

If you go back into 1 Kings chapter 1, both David and Solomon rode a royal mule, with Solomon riding a mule for his coronation.

*1 Kings 1:32-35 - <sup>32</sup> King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king. <sup>33</sup> And the king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.*

*<sup>34</sup> And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet there anoint him king over Israel. Then blow the trumpet and say, 'Long live King Solomon!' <sup>35</sup> You shall then come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, for he shall be king in my place. And I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah."*



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**Now why are they spreading their cloaks or coats on the road?** Well if you look at 2 Kings chapter 9 you see an illustration of the ancient custom of throwing your coats down in front of a monarch.

*2 Kings 9:11 – 13 - <sup>11</sup> When Jehu came out to the servants of his master, they said to him, "Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the fellow and his talk." <sup>12</sup> And they said, "That is not true; tell us now." And he said, "Thus and so he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel.'" <sup>13</sup> Then in haste every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed, "Jehu is king."*

So that was done as a way to express honor and submission. You were saying, "I lay down my coat as an act of symbolic submission as I would lay down my life beneath your feet as my king."

It says essentially, "We place ourselves under your feet. We place ourselves in submission to You." This is the Jewish version of, "Long live the king!"

**Do we submit ourselves to the Lordship of Christ? Do we willingly place ourselves in submission to Him and His will for our lives?** He is worthy to be Lord of our lives and to be praised and worshipped.

Matthew 21:8 adds that people from the crowd not only spread their coats on the road, but some cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Mark tells us they were leafy branches and John tells us that they were palm branches.

The disciples Jesus had sent carried out all of the instructions he had given them and now the disciples spread their coats on the road and in doing so, what are they doing? They are acclaiming him as the Davidic Messiah.

Now it's important to note that up until this point, Jesus had never allowed an open public demonstration declaring Him as Messiah.

In fact, when you read the Gospels you read that He removed Himself when things started in that direction. This is the first time He let that open public demonstration declaring Him as Messiah take place.

**Point 3 – Willing or not, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**





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**Luke 19:37-38**

*37 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

Matthew mentions that in addition to the disciples praising God there were crowds there as well and these could have been some of the very people who later cried out for his crucifixion.

You know the Old Testament is filled with similar ways in which the people of God praised the Lord.

You have the song of Moses in Exodus 15. Deborah and Barak sing to the Lord in Judges 5.

King David and all the house of Israel celebrated before the Lord with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals when the ark of God was brought to Jerusalem in 2 Samuel 6.

When Hezekiah restored temple worship in 2 Chronicles 29 it says that the people sang praises with gladness and they bowed down and worshipped.

When the exiles returned to the land of Israel and laid the foundation of the temple in the book of Ezra it says that the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD.

Let me ask a question at this point. **Do we get enthusiastic about Christ and His church and His gospel? Are we eager to joyously proclaim Christ to the lost so that they say who is this Christ? What is this gospel about which so much noise is made?**

May it be true of us that we long to magnify our redeemer and glorify Christ in all we do! Amen?

**Now why were the disciples rejoicing and praising God?** - For all the mighty works they had seen.

**What were the mighty works they had seen?** – Think about what Jesus had been doing. – The raising of Lazarus had just taken place, Jesus practically eliminated



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disease in Israel, he was casting out demons, and he was saving and redeeming lost souls.

John in his gospel lays out miracle after miracle, after miracle, after miracle, and then sums it up by saying, "There are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

**Do we praise God for the mighty works He has done? For the mighty work in our hearts? The miracle of regenerating our souls and transferring us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light? Making us new creatures in Christ?**

Mark's account of this sections says this:

*Mark 11:9 - <sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"*

And John adds "Even the King of Israel."

**Why are they saying this?** - The disciples are quoting from Psalm 118. In verse 22, we read this:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," which refers to Christ. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

"Save us (that's Hosanna), we pray, O Lord, O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord."

That's called a psalm of salvation or a conqueror's psalm or enthronement psalm. A hundred years before this, it was used to hail one of the Maccabees because he had defeated the Syrians.

So, in this case it's applied to Jesus. They cry from Psalm 118:26, worshiping the Messiah who has come in the name of the Lord, which means that He bears full approval and authority from Yahweh. They believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah!



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The atmosphere is super-charged, electric, with excitement and they cry “Peace in heaven, glory in the highest.”

Listen, God is a God of PEACE! He came to make peace between us and God and to give us His peace.

*Luke 2:14 - “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

*Colossians 1:19-20 - <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

*Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**And GLORY – God is a God of glory!**

*1 Timothy 1:17 - <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*Revelation 5:12 - “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”*

*Revelation 19:1, 6-7 - After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.” ““Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.”*

**Do we give our Lord the glory that is due his name?**

**Luke 19:39-40**

*<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”*

That’s the last reference to the Pharisees in the gospel of Luke. They are those who in verse 14 “do not want this man to rule over us” and who “do not recognize the time of God’s visitation” in verse 44.



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The Pharisees told Jesus to stop all this praise and adoration. They view it as blasphemy. They are outraged at the messianic honor being given to Jesus whom they wanted dead.

They can't quiet the crowd and so the only reasonable path is to ask the one who has the crowd's attention to stop the blasphemy, to silence the disciples, who were obviously engaged in the adoration legitimately.

And you know after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples learned from their Master and rebuked the religious leaders when they were told to stop preaching in the name of Jesus.

*Acts 4:18-20 - <sup>18</sup> So they (religious leaders) called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."*

In the final verse Jesus tells the Pharisees that the stones would cry out if the people didn't. This is nothing less than a claim to deity.

Jesus may be quoting Habakkuk 2:11 which says, "For the stone will cry out from the wall." And there are several instances in Scripture where creation is personified.

*Isaiah 55:12 - "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."*

John the Baptist in Matthew 3:9 said:

*Matthew 3:9 - And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.*

And you know when Jesus died on the cross, **what happened?** The earth quaked and rocks were split!

This story, beloved, shows us that Jesus is the promised Messiah and that he fulfills the Scriptures by riding on this colt.

This was the coronation of Jesus. And it was a lowly coronation. And I want you to picture in your mind seeing the Lord Jesus humbly riding on a donkey that day.



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And then I want you to realize this is the same Jesus that was transfigured before Peter, James, and John with his face shining like the sun and his clothes becoming white as light!

This is the same Jesus that Stephen saw when the heavens opened and Jesus was standing at the right hand of God.

This is the same Jesus that the apostle Paul saw when a light from heaven shone around him and he saw the glorified Christ.

And if one vision wasn't enough for the apostle John, he saw Jesus again in his glory in Revelation 1 with hair white as snow, eyes like a flame of fire, feet like burnished bronze, his face like the sun in its full strength, and his voice like the ROAR of many waters!

And Revelation 5 is basically a heavenly coronation of the Lamb of God!

This is our King of Glory that stooped low in riding on a colt that day. But the Lord Jesus Christ stoops even lower by going to the cross and dying a shameful death for sinners.

*Philippians 2:8 - And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

This is what King Jesus did for us who believe! When we were dead in our trespasses, he made us alive! He transferred us out of darkness into his marvelous light!

Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy! He changed our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. We were once haters of God and now are lovers of God! This is our God!

Beloved, may we like the disciples praise the Lord for His indescribable gift and proclaim the glories of Christ and His gospel to all creation.

I'll close with this. Every person has the same responsibility to acknowledge Him as the one who has come from God as Savior and Redeemer, and who will come in the future as King.

And if you acknowledge Him as Christ the Lord, trust Him as your Savior, you have received the visitation (to use the words of Luke 19:44) of God for salvation.



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**But if you reject Him, you will have a visitation from God, but it will be for judgment, and the one who came to offer Himself as your Savior will Himself become your Judge.**

**This is what Scripture teaches. You will have a visitation from God, either for salvation or condemnation, either to receive the gift of eternal life through the forgiveness of sin by faith in Christ or to receive the sentence of eternal punishment because you rejected Christ.**

**So if you have never repented of your sin and trusted in Jesus and his work on the cross, I beg you as the Apostle Paul said, be reconciled to God, commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ and he will forgive you of your sins and grant you eternal life.**

**Amen. Let's pray.**