

The King of Glory Comes

1. **With a Plan**
2. **With Praise**

Intro

- Hymn verse. Favorite of many. Ps 24 – king riding into city in glory; atmosphere of praise, celebration, joy at entrance of king because no earthly king; Lord Almighty, he is king of glory. On first PS, Lord Alm, JC, king of glory came into city; atmosphere of praise, celebration, joy because no earthly king; Savior of world. People sang: hymn verse.
- Today is PS, so beginning of HW. Today we begin special weeklong journey with Jesus that takes us from PS, MT, GF, ES. Culminating events of our salvation unfold before very eyes this HW. Today as HW begins, Jesus rides into city of death as king of glory who comes with a plan and with praise.

With a Plan

- Mean: when rides in, has everything planned out. Knows exactly; orchestrates events way he wants; no detail surprise. Doesn't say, "Didn't know donkey; people; Pharisees." No, everything planned out, down to last detail. Even with colt. **Vs. 29-34**. Everything planned out: where colt would be, what owners would say, how they should respond. Knew what would happen – his plan. Some think Jesus had made prior arrangements; possible. I think as HW begins, does more holy things, like miraculously compelling owners let donkey go, because his plan.
- See same thing happen 4 day, MT. Sent 2 disciples with equally cryptic instructions: **"Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there" (Mk 14:13-15)**. They went; everything happened exactly like Jesus had said – whom they'd meet, where go, what say. Again, some say prior arrangements. I think in hours before crucifixion, working out events of his plan for that evening in miraculous way. So even for Last Supper, Jesus had everything planned out.
- Now today, PS, as we see ride in on donkey, realize, wasn't just recent idea of his. Remember prophecy of Zechariah: **"See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (9:9)**. Whole idea of Jesus riding into city as king of glory, Messiah, at beginning of HW, days before death, was planned from all eternity, recorded in OT 500 years before actually happened! Way God wanted it to go; his plan from beginning.
- That means, fallout of this donkey ride also his plan. Fallout/ramifications: now Jewish leaders absolutely determined to kill him. Now no question in minds: Jesus has to go. To face: **vs. 39**. Behind back: this blasphemer has to die! They knew prophecy of Zechariah, too. They knew someday Messiah, king of glory, would ride donkey into city. And they knew Jesus knew. So when they saw Jesus fulfilling (or in their minds blaspheming) Zech's prophecy, last straw. Jesus had to die.
- Maybe that brings us, in discussion on God's plans, to his big Plan, capital P Plan of God. Lots of plans. But big Plan: for Jesus to die. God's Plan for world of sinful people (like you and me) with wicked actions, foul words, putrid thoughts, who live in darkness of sin and like it, that king of glory would come. By all rights, when this king of glory comes to a world as sinful as this, we should be terrified; he should condemn us, deal with us as we deserve to be dealt with. Later this week on GF, as see Jesus dying in agony and remember he's doing that in our place, we'll see how we deserve to be dealt with.
- But that wasn't God's Plan. Plan: king of glory would come (Zech – 2 things) **"righteous and victorious" (9:9)**. Jesus entered Jerusalem that PS as righteous one, perfect, sinless, without any fault – because for entire life Jesus did everything right, nothing wrong: righteous. Jesus, king of glory,

came to give us that righteousness so we be considered righteous in God's eyes. Why also came victorious. Won't look very victorious this Friday, hanging naked on cross, tortured to death at insistence of own people. Crucifixion scene pretty much definition of defeat. If you can see through that gore, if see transference of righteousness from Jesus to us that takes place on cross, and if realize that was God's plan all along, then you can see victory, over sin. Then on ES morning you can see another victory, over death – because when Jesus breathed life back into his body and walked out tomb alive, it wasn't Jesus that was defeated but death, Satan, hell, and all their power over us. So if you think it's cool Jesus had whole first PS planned out, start to finish, from donkey ride to people's praises, remember this: everything it took to keep you out of hell, every detail – virgin birth, sinless life, donkey ride, Last Supper, kiss in garden, crown of thorns, empty tomb, gift of HS to believe all true and for you – all by design, all God's plan.

With Praise

- And God's plan prompts praises. Why I say that today king of glory comes with praise. **Vs. 36-37.** These are praises of people who believed in hearts that Jesus was Messiah. Believed because they had seen miracles Jesus did in Galilee (healed sick, drove out demons, restored eyesight, forgave sins). So spread cloaks on road for ancient red carpet entrance; sang loudly – what Luke tells us. Other things people did that other Gospels tell us, but that Luke doesn't tell us. I.e., Luke never mentions the palm branches (big part of PS); doesn't record people singing word "Hosanna" (if word you associate with PS – hosanna!). Other Gospel writers tell us about hosannas and palms. But what Luke does record is people calling Jesus king: **vs. 38.** Hymn verse.
- And so we do, lift up our voices, so that when king of glory comes, he comes with praise. This annual festival of PS always beckons us to join with those first PS worshipers and praise Jesus. We have even more reason to praise than they; they didn't know what he'd do later that week, but we do. This HW we'll see culminating events of our salvation unfold before very eyes: Christ crucified and risen for our eternal salvation. That moves us to praise Jesus! Every day, in everything we do, in way we live lives, in our love for one another, in our fighting temptation, in our spreading Gospel.
- PS is day of praise, and we carry those praises with us into our lives, much like those cloaks that were spread in the road and marked with hoof prints of donkey Jesus rode were carried by people into their lives. Think they washed those hoof prints off their cloaks? Or think maybe that in weeks that followed they looked at those dirt stains on their clothes and thought, "Jesus travelled dusty road to the cross, for me!"? I don't know. But what do know: Jesus travelled dusty road to cross for me. Was his plan; so I give him my praise.

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."