

A Proper Response to Royalty

Luke 19:28-44

"...Jesus refused to be acknowledged as anything except the King! In fact, he said that if people stopped worshipping him, then the whole universe would fill the silence with praise. Jesus could not and would not deny that this is what he truly deserved. Therefore, Palm Sunday is one of the clearest proofs that Jesus really claimed to be the Christ; it shows us for sure that he is our God and our King.

Will you give King Jesus the honor that he royally deserves? As amazing as it must have been to see his triumphant ride into Jerusalem, Jesus has even more glory now. After he was crucified for our sins, he was raised from the dead and then exalted to the right hand of God, where he sits on his royal throne. The King may not be on parade today, but even now he is receiving the homage he deserves from people all over the world –men, women and children saved by his grace... So give Jesus the honor he deserves: acknowledge his sovereign kingship by throwing you life down before him to govern everything you think, say and do." Ryken

- I. Jesus entering Jerusalem on a colt is meant to convey to mankind the type of King the Creator of the universe is. He comes as the prince of peace (Isa. 9:6) who offers reconciliation for all who turn to him. How we view Jesus determines in many ways whether or not we live at peace with him.

Luke 19:28-35; Zech. 9:9; Matt 11:28-29

- A. For those of us who are reconciled through his blood, living at peace with Jesus is determined by whether or not we let him sit on the throne of our lives to rule over every aspect of how we live. A key indicator of this is seen in how well we express our worship of him through living in ways that bring honor to the King of kings.

Luke 19:35-38; Rom. 12:1; Phil. 1:27

Col. 1:19-20 *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed not he cross.*

- B. For those who are not reconciled through the blood of Jesus, living at peace with the King of the universe is impossible unless they acknowledge that he reigns. Ultimately, every human being that has ever lived will acknowledge him as Lord, whether they willingly accept him or not.

Luke 39-40; Rom. 8:20-21; Phil 2:9-11

Phil 2:9-11 *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- II. As King, Jesus wants to bring peace to everyone who is willing to accept it. God our Savior, wants all men to be saved (*Hosanna*) and to come to the knowledge of truth (**1 Ti 2:3**). He grieves over those who reject him because of what it will mean for them in this life, as well as in the life to come. Jerusalem's destruction in A.D. 70 is an example of how seriously Jesus takes our acceptance of his kingship.

Luke 19:41-44; 2 Peter 3:9; Rev. 20:11-15

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*