

A Proper Response to Royalty

Mark 11:1-11

"...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 your life down before him to govern everything you think, say and do." Ryken

- I. Scripture is a comparison between what a godless world is like and what the kingdom of God is like. The Lord shows us the difference between godlessness and godliness, unrighteousness and righteousness, wickedness and holiness. He shows us how the righteous are to act and live and how the unrighteous act and live. The comparison reveals to us what it means for us to live in the kingdom of God as his subjects living under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our citizenship is in heaven, and the only king we are to pay homage to is Jesus Christ. All other kings are mere men who have but breath in their nostrils, so why put your trust in them.

Isa. 2:22

Isa. 13:11

Isa. 14:9-11

Philippians 3:20-21 *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the LORD Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

- II. Jesus entering Jerusalem on a colt is meant to convey to mankind the type of King the Creator of the universe is. His gentleness conveys to mankind that as King, he offers peace, love, grace, and mercy as an invitation to anyone who wants him to be their King. It's a tremendous offer for those living in Satan's kingdom to change their allegiance from serving him and his evil world system, to serving the King of kings in his kingdom of righteousness. Unfortunately, those who refuse to bow down to Christ will never be granted the joy of living eternity with him in his perfect, sinless kingdom.

Mark 11:1-8

Zech. 9:9

Matt. 21:4-5

Matt. 11:28-29

1 Cor. 15:24-26

Malachi 4:2-3

Rom. 16:20

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.*

Revelation 19:16 *And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."*

- III. The Psalm the people sang as Jesus rode past them begins with the word **Hosanna**, which means "**Lord save us now.**" "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12). It means being saved not only from the penalty of sin, but also from living an eternity in hell. How blessed we are to know the King of kings. As we see this world slip further and further into the craziness of sin, we must stand up and lift up our heads because our redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28).

Mark 11:9-10

Psalm 118:25-26

Lk. 19:39-40

Rom. 14:11 *It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."*