

The Unexpected King | John 12:12-16

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remember that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

Jesus: The Unexpected King

→ There are four things that we must absorb from Jesus' Triumphal entry:

1. Prophecy (*Zechariah 9:9*)
2. Palm Branches (significance)
3. Entrance into Jerusalem (*Luke 4:14-30*)
4. The Disciples were Confused

Jesus: The Fitting King | Hebrews 7:26-28

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Jesus: The Fitting King

→ The author of Hebrews lists and expands on the qualifications for Jesus being our fitting king; our perfect high priest:

1. Holy
2. Innocent
3. Unstained (Leviticus 21)
4. Separated from Sinners
5. Exalted
6. Does Not Require Ongoing Sacrifice
 - Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord." (Jeremiah 17:5)
7. Former Priests Were Weak; Jesus is Perfect
 - "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'" (Psalm 110:4)