

Palm Sunday--Triumphal Entry.

Today is Palm Sunday. This is the first day of Passion week. Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Each day of the week had its events leading up to next Sunday when He rose from the dead.

It was a bright day in the early spring of the year 29 that Jesus and a company of devoted followers set out from Bethany to enter the city where the crucifixion was seen to take place. For three years now He had been teaching the people concerning Him self and His Kingdom. They had not understood it. The time of trial is approaching and likely some wait up in the day the procession started to the city.

People had not understood His Kingdom nor Himself. It is bad to be misunderstood any time. It is sad for a great teacher such as Jesus to be misunderstood. It is strange that He should be misunderstood. Now for us weak frail human beings there is no wonder that some times people do not quite get us as we some times say. We do so many things that are inconsistent and shady. But for Jesus to be misunderstood was sad especially at that time in His life. That time when a great crisis was on.

On this first day of the last week in the flesh Jesus began to fulfill prophecy:

"Tell ye the daughter of Zion, 'Behold thy king cometh unto thee

Meek and riding upon an ass and upon a colt the foal of an ass.'"

Jesus desired to do all things in order. He loved the Bible and was trying to fulfill its every page and prophecy. We would do well to imitate Him in this and thereby show greater reverence for this Book of all books. This being a trying day one would naturally be tempted to leave off some things but not so with Jesus.

He sent therefore two men likely Peter and John to get this colt for Him to ride into Jerusalem on. He told them that such would be found tied by the side of the road. On the face of it it would seem strange that He knew that the colt was there but going with out questioning His statement they found it just as He had said. In every little detail they could count on Jesus to be truthful. If people would just adopt that characteristic of Jesus we would have less trouble in this old world. People get so drunk on ambition for power some times that they will lie to get it. They so desire self praise and exaltation that they will falsify to get it. But Jesus had none of that in Him.

The front that He produced made people love Him. When this humble conveyance was brought for Him to ride people took the very clothes off their backs and put them on the animal for Him to ride upon and others threw theirs in the road for Him to pass over.

As they journeyed on the procession was met by a like multitude from Jerusalem and palms were thrown in the road while great emotions were displayed as the people came in sight of Jerusalem. It was a wonderful crowd. On the main the multitude was friendly to this Heavenly King as He in such humble manner rode into the city.

But there as is always the case there were monkey wrench throwers. You hear of people throwing a monkey wrench into the machinery. The Pharisees said

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"Teacher rebuke your disciples." I can see these old rascals walking kinder out to one side of the road looking on as people take on over Jesus. They saw that He was really loved and was carrying the crowd with Him so they got jealous. You know some of the deepest jealousy in the world can come about in religious matters. I know of a church that is made up of two families and their relations. If one develops ability the other feels down cast and if possible will make hurtful remarks. Any person who wants to see the Kingdom fail if he can't get the credit for its success is a child of hell and the sooner hell receives him the better for the church. "Rebuke thy disciples get them to hush this thing id getting serious. Our set is losing ground."

Jesus took sides with His own. Thank God we have in Jesus a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. As long as you have Him on your side you are marching to victory—you are on your triumphal entry. You can march against established wickedness. This was what Jesus had to face was established wickedness. People become wicked and have the ability to keep people fooled for years by their mushy put on-ness and you walk in to break that old shell and reveal the demon hidden there and you have a job. But if you are sincere, truthful, and courageous as was Jesus you will some day, may be after years of laying the foundation, march in triumphantly and all the people will see the thing lying clearly before their eyes. The sinner out side the church criticising it does not hurt it half like the pretended Christian who takes every opportunity to throw a wrench into the machinery. Pharisees were big churchmen and just think of it when people were fulfilling prophecy and honoring Jesus more than the Pharisees they raise their stinking objection "Teacher rebuke your disciples

Jesus had not been speaking but now He turned on them and said, "I tell you that if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out." Will cry out the Jewish failure and the praise of Jesus. The stones of the temple now proclaim the failure of the Jews who would not own their Lord but in silence have let Him go by. If all people should cease to praise Jesus even the stones of the churches and hospitals would yet be crying out hessana to the King.

The glad tidings of Jesus will be proclaimed. If you want to reject Jesus just go on in your sin and you will find that every stone, bird, flower, and every law of nature and all else that God through providence has placed here will rebuke you.

Another event of this Palm Sunday was His weeping over Jerusalem. That is the true picture of one who has Christ in him. He weeps over the erring one lifts up the fallen tells them of Jesus the Mighty to save.

Victoriously entering the city the whole town was stirred. Think of the mighty tramp of a righteous man upon any town or community. When he walks it is felt, when he speaks it is heard. So stirred were they that the people said, "Who is He?" They found out that He was Jesus of Nazareth. And ever since He has been entering triumphantly into the cities and hearts of men and women, boys and girls and they are finding out who He is.

They are finding Him to be the Truth that has permeated every religion. Every gleam of good in any system is of Him.

They are finding Him to be their personal Savior of their lives and the King Sovereign of their hearts.

DOES THE MIGHTY PRINCE OF PEACE COME TRIUMPHANTLY INTO YOUR LIFE TODAY? Notice. When He came into the temple He had not the boastful look of a proud monarch. But his cheeks were still streaked with the tears He shed yonder as He wept over the city. He looked around in the temple and said not a word on this day but seemed to be viewing the field on which He was to die.

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And you say that He has entered your life? Well look at Him there. Does He look triumphant? Or does He cast His eyes around as if to view the soul where He is seen to die? Do you find your life all awake and ever turning to Him as the shining center and sovereign of your life? *Go U-Echo? U-will if in right position*

OH JESUS I HAVE PROMISED TO SERVE THEE TO THE END
BE THOU FOR EVER NEAR ME, MY MASTER AND MY FRIEND. I SHALL NOT FEAR THE BATTLE
IF THOU ART NEAR MY SIDE NOR WANDER FROM THE PATHWAY IF THOU WILT BE MY GUIDE.

