

# Sermon Notes – March 25, 2018

## Palm Sunday & Holy Week

- ⇒ All four of the gospel accounts in the Bible tell the story of “Palm Sunday” – the day when Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, to the praise and adoration of a great crowd.
- ⇒ The crowd welcomes Jesus as a coming King, a Savior, the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of David.
- ⇒ The Old Testament prophets tell of this day. It is Passover time, and Jesus is exactly on time, presenting Himself as the Lamb of God who will take away the sin of the world.

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold your king is coming to you;  
Humble and mounted on a donkey,  
On a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

(Zechariah 9:9; quoted in Matthew 21:4-5)

## Two Lenses: Revelation 5 & Mark 11

The final book in the Bible is called, “The Revelation of Jesus Christ.” It is primarily a book about Christ, the conquering Messiah, and only secondarily a book about \_\_\_\_\_ (See 1:1-7, 18). In Revelation 5 we see Christ worshiped as both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, with the events of Holy Week *clearly celebrated into eternity*. Mark 11 begins the story of “the Passion of the Christ.”

## Christ Alone is Worthy to Hold Time & Eternity

(READ Revelation 5:1-14)

- ⇒ The scroll spoken of in Revelation 5 contains the future of planet Earth.
- ⇒ Christ alone is the Lamb of God AND the Lion of the tribe of Judah. By His \_\_\_\_\_ over sin & the grave, He alone is worthy to unfold the future and bring it to pass. Time, \_\_\_\_\_, and eternity itself are in His very capable hands.
- ⇒ Verse 12 is the song of eternity!

The Lamb Who is Worthy  
Revelation 5:1-5; Mark 11:1-10 & 14:1-2  
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## Christ Alone is Worthy; He Conquered Sin & the Grave

(READ Mark 11:1-10)

- ⇒ On that first Palm Sunday, Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey; listen to Revelation 19:11-16 describe His eventual return as a \_\_\_\_\_ on a white horse leading the armies of heaven. This is the “second half” of Isaiah 61:1-2 that Jesus read part of in Luke 4. Do you see a contrast between these two grand entrances?
- ⇒ According to Jesus in Luke 19:41-44, His arrival on the donkey was exactly on time; He was keeping an \_\_\_\_\_ as the prophet Zechariah foretold. This moment was “the coming of the Anointed One” who would soon be “cut off” (Daniel 9:25-26).
- ⇒ The crowd celebrated the moment by shouting out phrases from Psalm 118. Jesus’ disciples were hoping that He would be a conquering \_\_\_\_\_; they did not understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of His suffering (Cf. Luke 24:21; Isaiah 53:4-6).
- ⇒ Mark 14:1-2 play an ominous note regarding all that is to follow. Will there be “an uproar”? Oh, yes. All heaven and earth will be shaken as the Lamb of God “takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

## Responding to God’s Word

- ⇒ **A challenge for Holy Week:** Pick one of the Gospel accounts and read the whole thing this week. Watch Jesus’ identity unfold. Marvel at His miracles. Observe the differing reactions of the religious leaders and the crowds. Then walk slowly through the Passion account. Be enveloped in the awfulness of the cross and sense the amazement of that first Easter!
- ⇒ **Get personal:** Do you see it? Christ went to the cross in your place. The cross He bore was yours. The nails were yours. The suffering was yours and the separation from the Father was what you deserve. II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:24
- ⇒ **Check your faith:** The gospel is “Christ alone” – not Christ + your goodness. Have you allowed yourself to be impressed by your good behavior or your evident humility or your moral superiority to others (who are clearly worse than you are)? Have you forgotten that forgiveness for your sins comes by grace alone...by faith alone...in Christ alone? Zero percent of it is due to your good works and good behavior. Are you trusting Christ and Him ALONE?