

CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM: SIMPLE TRUTHS ABOUT
PALM SUNDAY – John 12:12-50

Sunday, April 9, 2017

I. ANCIENT PROPHECIES **PROVE** THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE – John 12:12-19

Note: The purpose of prophecy is to prove that the one who fulfills it is the Messiah of Israel – the Son of David and the King of the Jews – 2 Sam. 7; Psalm 89; 132; Rom. 1:3.

1A. The **HISTORICAL** accuracy of the Bible – Dan. 9:27; Neh. 2:1-8.

Note: Artaxerxes I commissioned Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem on Nissan or March 5, 444 B.C. 483 years after Artaxerxes decree, Jesus of Nazareth strolled into Jerusalem on the foal of donkey on the exact day that Daniel predicted – March 30, A.D. 33.

2A. The **HUMILITY** of the Messiah – Zech. 9:9 (*Jesus was unarmed and riding a donkey's colt!*)

Note: When Jesus came into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He fulfilled prophecy that specifically stated that the King of Israel would ride into Jerusalem on the foal of donkey – Zech. 9:9. Also, he fulfilled prophecy when the crowds of Jews “cried, *Hosanna: blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the LORD*” – Psalm 118:25-26.

II. IMPORTANT **PRINCIPLES** OF THE MESSIAH – 20-26

- Death – His death would bear fruit. We are the fruit of His labors on the cross – 1 Cor. 15:23
- Hate – hate your own life and love His – Mk. 8:34-38
- Slavery – become His slave by a simple act of obedience, “follow Me” – Lk. 22:24-27

III. THE **PRIORITY** OF GOD: JESUS CHRIST GLORIFIED NOT US – 27-34; Jn. 1:14; Gal. 5:26; Jer. 9:23-24 & 45:5 (*don't seek great things for yourself*); 1 Cor. 1:25-30

IV. THE **POWER** OF FAITH IN THE TRUTH (*become His children*) – 35-36; Jn. 1:12.

V. LOVE THE **PRAISE** OF GOD NOT THE PRAISE OF MEN – 37-43; 1 Pet. 1:7; 2 Chron. 26:15 (*the downfall of a man is his pride* – Pro. 11:2; 16:18).

VI. GOD'S **PLAN**: HEAR HIS WORDS AND BELIEVE – 44-50; Rom. 10:17; Is. 55:11; 1 Cor. 1:17-23