



The
Suffering
Servant



Has Become
the
Conquering King

**The Greatest
Humility Receives
the Greatest
Exaltation**

Zechariah 9:9 (CSB) Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

From Excitement to Anger when Their Expectations were not Met

Many of the Jews were excited with prophetic expectation to see their King riding on the foal of a donkey as they shouted "Hosanna" and "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord."

They expected their King would bring physical deliverance from Roman oppression and that they'd immediately rule alongside Him.

They did not expect Jesus' mission to be focused on spiritual salvation and that His great humility would result in obedience to death.

Many of the same who praised His coming demanded He be crucified.

Are we careful to check our own expectations concerning the great salvation from Jesus, and what it means to follow our King?

Philippians 2:8-11 (ESV) ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:29-35 (NASB1995) ²⁹ When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of *you*; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*." ³¹ "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus *on it*. ³⁶ As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road.

Did you know that coat spreading symbolized submission to His kingship? Do we truly submit to Jesus' rule even when it doesn't fit our expectations?

Luke 19:37-40 (NKJV) ³⁷ Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, ³⁸ saying: " *'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!'* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And

some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰ But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

The people praised God for the works they'd seen, but the greatest work (about to be done) would not fit their expectations.

The Pharisees rejected King Jesus from the beginning because they were not interested in a king who led with humility. They wanted the glory themselves.

Jesus will not be denied the praise He is worthy of. Will you praise Him in thought, words, and actions?

Luke 19:41-44 (HCSB) ⁴¹ As He approached and saw the city, He wept over it, ⁴² saying, "If you knew this day what [would bring] peace- but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come on you when your enemies will build an embankment against you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone on another in you, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

The O.T. wrote of what the Messiah came to do yet their hardened hearts rejected Jesus' purpose resulting in God's wrath to be poured out upon the city.

Daniel prophesied that Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed after the Messiah was put to death. Jesus confirmed that this destruction was because they rejected Him.

Eternal destruction is coming for those who continue to reject Jesus, but eternal life has been given to those who follow Him.