

LIVING IN PROPHETIC TIMES

Mat 21:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.

3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” **4** This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, **5** “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” **Zec 9:9** 500yrs

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. **8** Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” **Psa 118:25-26**

10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was Stirred Up, saying, “Who is this?” **11** And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” **ESV**

INTRODUCTION:

For me ‘after’ the Born Again experience, NOTHING makes Jesus more REAL than to see the Evidence of **Scripture** in Prophecy Fulfilled in and through Jesus’ life.

What makes Jesus amazingly different from all others, is the Incredible number of Specific Details that were foretold prophetically and fulfilled in His life **before** He was Born, and **after** His Birth, His Death, Burial and Resurrection!

I. PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN JESUS...

A. Biblical Scholars teach: “The Old Testament, was written over a one-thousand-year period, containing nearly **300** references to the coming Messiah.”

1. ALL, not some, but **ALL** the Prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus!
Which Indisputably Proves and Solidly Confirms, Unquestionably,
Jesus as the **Christ!**

a. The **Messiah** ⇔ Anointed One, the Chosen One; Empowered by God to be the Savior, Deliverer and King of the World!

B. Only God could with *Incredible Accuracy*, detail events hundreds and at times thousands of years before they would happen, with *Striking Exactness and Precision!*

For I am God, and there is No Other; I am God, and there is None Like Me, Declaring the End from the Beginning, and from Ancient Times things that are not yet done, saying my Counsel shall Stand, and I will Accomplish ALL My Purpose. Is 46:9-10 KJV

1. When you consider that the ENTIRE BIBLE was written in about a **1500**-year span
 - a. By 40 *different* Authors from every walk of life.
 - b. Written in *different* Places.
 - c. Written at *different* Times
 - d. Written on 3 *different* Continents Asia – Africa - Europe
 - e. Written in 3 *different* Languages Hebrew – Aramaic - Greek

2. **Only God could pull something like this OFF! ONLY GOD!**

II. HIS ENTRY **FORTOLD 4 CENTURIES BEFORE...**

One of these Incredible, Amazing events foretold ⇔ over 400 years Beforehand; is this day we are celebrating as Palm Sunday. {also known as the Triumphant Entry}

A. Jesus triumphant entrance into Jerusalem in **Mt 21**, had been foretold **483** years earlier **to the exact day** by Gabriel to Daniel! Dan 9 (25-26a) and Nehemiah 2 (1-8)

1. And yet the People of that day had No Idea they were living in a Prophetic Moment. *It was in their Scrolls...*
 - a. Much like the People of Our Day who have No CLUE we our living in a Prophetic Season! *It is in the Holy Bible...*
 - b. We Live our lives as if Jesus is some Fantasy. Some Imaginary figure, who will not be returning during our lifetime!

- c. Jesus' 1st coming was to bring 'Salvation' to the World, but when He comes the 2nd time He will 'Judge' all that are in the world.

III. ARE YOU 'IN ⇒ WITH THE WRONG PERSPECTIVE?

" " " "FOLLOWING' ⇒ WITH THE WRONG EXPECTATION?

The crowds were estimated between 100k-200k people who welcomed and enthusiastically praised Jesus, **Mat 21:9** says...

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! ⇒ Foretold in **Ps 118:25-26**

They were looking to be free from the CONTROL and OPPRESSION of Rome.

A. For years they were hearing about the unbelievable healings, deliverances, unexplainable signs and unimaginable wonders that left them all wondering who is this man that feeds the multitudes, that even the winds obey him and the dead like Lazarus, 3 days in a Tomb, are raised from the dead!

1. They wanted a Savior who would resolve all of their problems immediately and they saw Jesus as the solution.

2. The city of Jerusalem was dripping with the anticipation of His entrance. Jerusalem was Electrified, it was Rocking and Trembling! **Mat 21:10** states... "the whole city was STIRRED UP", saying, "Who is this?" ESV

B. But in a few days their Praise and "shouts of Hosanna", changed into Jeers and shouts of "Crucify Him", when their wrong Expectations were not met.

1. Are we capable of being like them? When our expectations are not met. When our problems seem to go unresolved and continue on.

2. Will we MISS on the reality of His Presence, like the people of His day?

IV. HE WAS RECOGNIZED BUT NOT 'KNOWN'...

*** Luke 19, shares with us a special insightful moment of this day. He tells in v41 “when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, “Would that you, even you, had Known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side
44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not Know the Time of Your Visitation.”

A. He wept over the city because they did not Discern the Moment and this would bring total destruction in less than 40 years ✓.

✓ 600,000 - over 1 Million Jews killed ⇨ 4 1/2 mos.

They Recognized Him but they didn't **Know** Him!

1. Is it possible, could we like that Crowd, lack Discernment, Perceptiveness, Insight and Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in those Personal Moments of Visitation? {in our lives}

B. Jesus wept for a people; He knew would Reject Him! He knew that in a few days they would be Screaming CRUCIFY HIM!

1. And yet He entered Jerusalem, knowing what He Knew. He didn't give up on them, He endured the shame and the cruelty of the Cross, even unto death, giving them another opportunity to be SAVED!

a. I can just a little bit more feel what the Apostle John wrote:
Behold what Manner of Love the Father has bestowed (given) us, that we should be called Children of God! 1Jn 3:1 NKJV

b. What Kind of Love is it, that He never Gave Up on Me! And He will NEVER Give Up On YOU!

V. THE '**SIGNIFICANCE**' OF PALM SUNDAY...

Will you recognize your Moment, your “**Time of Visitation.**”?

OR

WILL YOU MISS IT?

A. Is Jesus both Savior and Lord? Does He Reign and does He Rule your Heart and Life?

1. The idea that He can be your Savior and not your Lord, is nonsense and not supported in ***Scripture!***

B. Submitting to His Rule over your life begins at salvation but it doesn't end at salvation.

1. So, if it hasn't started or if it has stalled for a prolong time, ask yourself, is your experience with God Real or Religious?

2. Take whatever steps are necessary to *Make It Right!*

C. Just like all 300 OT references regarding Jesus Christ first coming were Fulfilled ***exactly as told***, so will the Prophetic Words spoken about His Second Coming be Fulfilled ***exactly as told!!!***