PALM SUNDAY 2008

THE COMING OF THE KING

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:1-15

MARCH 16th. 2008

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHY JESUS ?

THE PALM SUNDAY MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST
HIS KINGSHIP, HIS LORDSHIP AND HIS GODHOOD

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Introduction to the Text; Matthew 21:1-15

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

This Palm Sunday Morning

*we will be **considering** the **Kingship**, **Lordship** and **Godhood** of Jesus Christ as Revealed in the Bible and as Seen in the Lives of those who Follow Jesus Christ.*

"But Jack,

haven't we out grown this mid-evil thinking of kings and kingdoms and knights and dragons and damels in distress? I mean come on jack, who needs this kinda story in the 21st. century?

I have found it fascinating

that the bible does address this world in the context of a great, epic battle between good and evil. between kings and kingdoms...

... and that the earth is being ravaged by a wicked, tyrannical ruler, but soon the Creator-Owner will return to usher in a new world of rightouness, of judgement, and to make all things right!

for now, we see a broken, hurting and needy world.

Matt. 21:1-15

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, **:2** saying to them, ***"Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. :3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."*** **:4** All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: **:5** ***"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "*** **:6** So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. **:7** They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. **:8** And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. **:9** Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: ***"Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"*** **:10** And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, ***"Who is this?"*** **:11** So the multitudes said, ***"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."*** **:12** Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. **:13** And He said to them, ***"It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "*** **:14** Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. **:15** But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, <u>and</u> the children crying out in the temple and saying, ***"Hosanna to the Son of David!"*** they were indignant

Why do we believe, What we believe ?

As Christians, we have fixed our hope, our existence, our future upon the Word of God, the Bible, God's Letter to man.

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WHY JESUS ON PALM SUNDAY ?

1.) Because Jesus Christ is King

Jesus Christ Being King, Possesses All Authority

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JESUS CHRIST IS KING

1a.) What is He a King of ?

The Biblical Claim is This ;

that jesus Christ is the King of Israel.

THE KING OF THE JEWS

The Persian Wisemen

Matt. 2:2

saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

THE KING OF THE ISRAEL

Mark 15:32

Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

THE KING OF SAINTS

Rev. 15:3

They sing the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!

THE KING OF KINGS

Rev. 19:16
And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

THE KING ETERNAL

1Tim. 1:15-17
This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. **:16** However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. **:17** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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JESUS CHRIST IS KING

1b.) Whom is He a King for ?

He is King *of* and *for* All Those Who Put Their Trust in Him.

The Biblical Claim is This ;

Salvation was on it's Way
in the Person of Jesus Christ

Psa. 118:24-27a
This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. **:25** Save now (hosanna), I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. **:26** Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. **:27** God *is* the LORD,

Ps 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

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JESUS CHRIST IS KING

1c.) When will His Kingdom come ?

The Biblical Claim is This ;

Mal 3:1b

"And ***the Lord, whom you seek***, will ***suddenly come to His temple***, even ***the Messenger of the Covenant***, in whom you delight. ***Behold, He is coming*** !"

The Bible Predicted That The Lord Would Arrive, "Suddenly Coming" to His Temple. When did This Ever Happen in History ?

Peter's Eyewitness Account

led him to make this statement;

2nd. Pet 1:16

For we did not follow **cunningly devised fables** when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of **His Majesty**.

John's Eyewitness Account

led him to declare;

1st. John 1:1

That which was ***from the beginning***, which we have ***heard***, which we have ***seen*** with our eyes, which we have ***gazed*** upon, and our ***hands have handled***, concerning the Word of life - Jesus Christ!

This is "**Deposition**" Talk

This "**Courtroom**" Talk, This is "**Legalese**" This is "**Sworn Testimony**"

on Sunday, april 6th. 32ad.
Jesus Christ rode into jerusalem on a donkey.
he will ride into Jerusalem again on a horse.

Jack, Is There Any Evidence that I should consider about Jesus being God?

Matthew 21:4-5
All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: **:5** ***"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'***

Zech 9:9
"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! **Behold, your King is coming (He is on his way) to you**; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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WHY JESUS ON PALM SUNDAY ?

2.) Because Jesus Christ is Lord

Jesus Christ Being Lord, Displays His Nobility

Lord. κύριος kurios,
the supreme authority, one who controls or is in control. the master

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

2a.) His authority was reality

The Biblical Claim is This ;

1Tim. 3:16
And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was **manifested** in the flesh...

"What The Bible Had Said Would Happen, And It Was Happening Before Their Eyes."

Luke 19:36-44
and as he went, many spread their clothes on the road. 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."*** 41 now as he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, ***"if you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! but now they are hidden from your eyes.*** 43 ***"for days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,*** 44 ***"and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."***

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Jesus Christ Is Lord

2b.) His reign is absolute

The Biblical Claim is;

1Cor. 15:24-25
Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. **:25** For he must reign ***until he has put all his enemies under his feet. – suffer !!!***

The Reigning King to Come has Scares

Zech. 13:6
And *one* will say to him, "What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, '*Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

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Jesus Christ Is Lord

2c.) His power will be certain

The Biblical Claim is This ;

1Cor. 8:6
yet for us *there is* one **God, the Father**, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one **Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live.*

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Matt. 28:18-19
And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ***"All authority*** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, - the trinity

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Why Jesus On Palm Sunday ?

3.) Because Jesus Christ is God

Jesus Christ Being God, Reveals His Nature

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Wait Jack,

arent you aware that all cults deny the deity of jesus Christ?
the jeohvah witnesses, the mormons, the muslims, the moonies, the Krishna,
the buddist, the hindu... Yes ! and they Must...

Amazingly, all these groups agree on nothing except one thing;
that **the Jesus Christ of the Bible** ***CANNOT*** exist.
they must deny what the biblical record reveals about Christ.

So What Does The Bible Say?

when you compile the entire bible together,
from genesis to revelation...

...you will arrive at the conclusion that Jesus Christ has always existed,
that the Hebrew prophets announced His earthly coming, His life, His ministry,
His death and Resurrection - that he would be manifested to the world and
come back again !

The truth is; what qualifies Jesus Christ to be King and Lord?
is the fact that **Jesus is God.** God the Son.

This fact is called – **"The Incarnation"**
God becoming Human, Inserting Himself Into our Existence.

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JESUS CHRIST IS GOD

3a.) His deity was prerecorded

The Biblical Claim is This ;

Dan 9:24-25
"490 years are determined for your people and for your holy city, (1) to finish the transgression, (2) to make an end of sins, (3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, (5) to seal up vision and (6) prophecy, and to (7) anoint the Most Holy. 25 "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem (March 14th. 445 B.C.) until the coming of the Messiah the Prince, there shall be 483 years **(Till His Coming to Jersualem !**

From the Command Given to Nehemiah on March 14th. 445 B.C. They were to Count 483 years, or 173,880 Days

The 173,880 day, Brought them to Palm Sunday April 6th. 32 A.D.

Isa 61:1-2
"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, **(....and the day of vengeance of our God)**

Luke 4:16-21
So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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Jesus Christ Is God

3b.) His deity is being revealed

The Biblical Claim is This ;

Psa. 2:12
Kiss (to attach yourself) the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in ***(the Son)*** Him.

Prov. 30:4
Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? ***Who*** has gathered the wind in His fists? ***Who*** has bound the waters in a garment? ***Who*** has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* ***His name***, and what *is* ***the name of His Son***, If you know?

Rom. 1:2-4
...for God promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, **:3** concerning ***His Son Jesus Christ*** our Lord, ***Who*** was born of the seed (DNA) of David according to the flesh, **:4** *and* declared *to be* ***the Son of God*** with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

John 3:15-17
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **:17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 10:31-33
Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.
Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

Col. 2:9
For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

1John 5:20
And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

I Can Keep Going –
Do You Want Me To Keep Going ?

Rev. 22:12-13
"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."

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JESUS CHRIST IS GOD

3c.) His deity will be known

The Biblical Claim is This ;

That Time Will Have Run It's Course,
and the end will someday come!

Rev. 19:11-16

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **:12** His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **:13** He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **:14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **:15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **:16** And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

But Do You Know It Today – Right Now?

John 3:15

1"that whoever believes in Him should not perish (see hell) but have eternal life.

I Jn 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

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End of Study