

SONGS of the Messiah

JESUS CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

I. THE ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM IS RECORDED IN ALL THE GOSPELS.

II. THE ACTIONS OF JESUS

A. Determines to ride into Jerusalem

1. The donkey seems to have come from a friend.
2. Jesus normally walked.

B. The choice is made in order to fulfill prophecy.

1. Matthew combines two different but related prophecies in his explanation (Zech. 9:9 and Isa. 62:11)
2. This fact was not made known to the disciples.

C. The choice was also an act of humiliation for Jesus.

1. He comes as king.
2. He comes to bless.

III. THE ACTIONS OF THE CROWD

A. The components of the crowd

1. Jesus' disciples
2. Other followers from the area of Galilee
3. People from Jerusalem who had seen the raising of Lazarus
4. Pilgrims from Jerusalem who heard what was happening

ISAIAH 62:11

Behold, the Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth,
Say to the daughter of Zion,
"Lo, your salvation comes;
Behold His reward is with Him,
and His recompense before Him."

ZECHARIAH 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout in triumph,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
He is just and endowed with salvation,
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

B. The testimony of the crowd

1. Comes from the crowd, not primarily the disciples
2. Comes because of the action of God Himself
3. Words of the crowd
 - a. “Hosanna” - A call of praise to God.
 - b. “To the Son of David” - The Messiah
 - c. “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”
 - d. “Hosanna in the highest” - in accord with God Himself
 - e. Testimony of the raising of Lazarus
 - f. Who is He?
 - (1) The Prophet
 - (2) Jesus
 - (3) From Nazareth in Galilee

IV. THE FAILURE OF THE CROWD TO RECOGNIZE WHAT WAS HAPPENING

A. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44).

B. Jesus notes that they have not understood what they said (Matthew 23:37-39).

LUKE 19:41-44

41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, 44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

MATTHEW 23:37-39

37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”