

Behold Your King!

A. The Prophecy of Zechariah. Zechariah 9:9-10

1. The humble entrance of the King. 9:9
 - a. This king would be the king of Israel.
 - b. His appearance was to be cause for great joy!
 - c. This king would be a just king.
 - d. This king would bring salvation.
 - e. This king would be a humble king.
 - f. This king would be so humble he would ride in on a donkey, not a horse!
2. The peaceful reign of the King. 9:10
 - a. This king would demilitarize Israel.
 - b. This king would offer peace to the nations.
 - c. This king would rule over all the land of Israel, from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea.
 - d. This king would rule from the River Euphrates to the ends of the earth.

B. The Prophecy Found in Psalm 118:22-26

1. The rejected stone becomes the chief corner stone. 22-24
 - a. Israel's leaders would reject a ruler. 22a
 - b. Yahweh would make this rejected ruler the foundation of the whole nation. 22b-23
 - c. That day would be cause for great rejoicing in Israel. 24
2. Israel's plea for salvation. 25-26
 - a. Israelis plead with Yahweh for salvation of the nation. 25a
 - b. Israelis plead for national prosperity and well-being. 25b
 - c. Israelis bless the Messianic ruler who will come in Yahweh's name in answer to their prayers. 26a
 - d. Worshiping Israelis bless one another from the temple. 26b

C. Jesus' Triumphal Entry Fulfilling Zechariah 9:9. Matthew 21:1-11

1. The command of Jesus. 21:1-3
2. The fulfillment of prophecy. 21:4-5
3. The obedient disciples. 21:6-7
4. The gleeful crowd. 21:8-9a
5. The Messianic praise! 21:9b
6. The dud in Jerusalem. 21:10-11
7. Observations
 - a. Jesus deliberately set out to fulfill the prophecy of Zech. 9:9.
 - b. The crowd instantly understood he was coming as the Messiah.
 - c. The crowd praised Jesus with a Messianic psalm.
 - d. The people in Jerusalem said he was merely a prophet.
 - e. If Jesus literally fulfilled Zech. 9:9, one day He will literally fulfill Zech. 9:10.

D. The Brutal Mistrial of the Messiah in Jerusalem. John 19:1-16

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 - a. A minority of Jews believed Jesus was the Messiah.
 - b. A majority of Jews believed Jesus was merely a prophet.
 - c. Jealous Jewish leaders brought false charges against Jesus.
 - d. The Roman government thrice declared Jesus innocent.
 - e. The Jewish leaders black-mailed Pilate.
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