

Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of the kings of Israel, David's Greater Son who rules the people of God and extends the kingdom of God.

I. Introduction – Palm Sunday

- A. Today Christians celebrate Palm Sunday
- B. What really happened?
- C. How is Jesus the Great King?

II. The Role of the King

- A. He ruled in God's stead (Ps 110:1; 1 Chr 29:23)
- B. He studied and kept the law (Deut 17:18-20)
- C. He led God's people (Jd 21:25; Ez 34:23; 37:24)
 - 1. They need a leader (Judges 21:25)
 - 2. The Davidic shepherd (Ezek 34:23)
 - 3. Result: people keep law (Ezek 37:24)
- D. He extended God's kingdom (Ps 110:1-2; 2:8)
- E. The King and His kingly subjects
 - 1. Genesis 1:26-28 – Man is to rule
 - 2. Psalm 8:3-8 – Man's glory is to rule
 - 3. Judges 21:25 – King leads them to rule

III. The Need for the Great King

- A. Kings of Israel/Judah failed (Ezek 22:26-28; 2 Ki 17:21-22)
 - 1. Like prophets & priests, kings/officials failed (Ez 22:27)
 - 2. Kings led Israel into sin (2 Ki 17:21-22)
- B. The people did not follow Torah (2 Ki 17:21-22)
 - 1. Followed leaders into sin
 - 2. Did not keep God's law
- C. The people did not become 'kings'
 - 1. Did not fulfill their call
 - 2. Still doing what was right in own eyes (Jd 21:25)
- D. Prophecies of the coming King (v 1; Dan 7:13-14)
 - 1. King would sit on God's throne (110:1)
 - 2. King is David's Lord! (110:1)
 - 3. King is given everlasting authority (Dan 7:14)

IV. Jesus is the Great King

- A. He fulfills prophecies
 - 1. He sits on David's throne (Luke 1:32)
 - 2. He is the Son of David (Matt 21:4-9)

3. This King must be praised (Lk 19:37-40)
4. The prophecies were all fulfilled in Him (Lk 19:41-44)

B. He succeeds where others failed

1. He rules from God's throne (Heb 1:3)
2. He kept the law perfectly (Mt 5:17)
3. He shepherds God's people (John 10:11)
4. He extends the kingdom (Mt 28:18-20)

C. He has made His people kings!

1. We are a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)
2. We are kings/kingdom (Revelation 1:6)
3. We are to extend his rule (Mt 28:18-20)

V. Conclusion & Summary

A. Have you welcomed Christ as King?

1. He is the long awaited King!
2. Welcome Him as King today!

B. Do you see that Christ rules over all things?

1. All authority belongs to Him
2. He is in control of your situation!

C. Are you extending His kingdom?

1. Is it being extended in you?
2. Is it being extended through you?

Christ and the Kingship

Psalm 110:1

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Communion

2 Corinthians 13:14

23 So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him. 1 Chronicles 29:23

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. 19 It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees 20 and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel. Deuteronomy 17:18-20

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit. Judges 21:25

I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. Ezekiel 34:23

My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. Ezekiel 37:24

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. Psalm 2:8

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:26-28

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? 5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Psalm 8:3-8

26 Her priests do violence to my law and profane my holy things; they do not distinguish between the holy and the common; they teach that there is no difference between the unclean and the clean; and they shut their eyes to the keeping of my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. 27 Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain. 28 Her prophets whitewash these deeds for them by false visions and lying divinations. They say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says'-- when the LORD has not spoken. Ezekiel 22:26-28

21 When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the LORD and caused them to commit a great sin. 22 The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them. 2 Kings 17:21-22

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, Luke 1:32

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:4-9

37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:37-40

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-- but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." Luke 19:41-44

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

"I am the good shepherd.... Jn 10:11