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Today's Teaching

Who Is This?

Jesus is our Lord, our Messiah, and our King, the only begotten-Son of the Father, promised in the Old Testament to rescue His people and join them to His Father.

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" (Zechariah 9:9)

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 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!" (21:9 Psalm 118:25,26)

"Hosanna (21:9 A Hebrew expression meaning "Save!" which became an exclamation of praise; also in verse 15 in the highest heaven!")

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Who Is This?

Key points:

1. There is no question more important than the question of Jesus' identity. If Jesus is who He said He is, it changes everything.
2. There were basically three perspectives on Jesus Christ: worshippers, honest questioners, and religious leaders who sneered. The same three perspectives exist today.
3. Zechariah prophesied Jesus' "triumphal entry" 500 years earlier. God declares that the Lord is coming, he will live among you, and declared that the Lord is coming, He will live among you, and many nations will be joined with the Lord.
4. Zechariah also prophesies the Lord will be a king who is both righteous and victorious, and lowly and riding on a donkey.
5. Jesus is King, but He's a humble hearted king who flips our values on their head when He teaches, "the last will be first, and the first will be last."
6. The people shout Hosanna, "save us." Jesus comes to save, but not in the way the crowd thinks.
7. Psalm 118 prophesies the blessed one who comes in the name of the Lord, is coming to become a human sacrifice.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What is the conflict we confront when considering honestly the identity of Jesus Christ?
2. How do the responses of the crowd on that first Palm Sunday reflect people's response to Jesus today?
3. What were people's various answers to the question: Who is this?
4. In Zechariah 2:10 and 9:9, there seem to be 2 Lords mentioned, the one speaking and the one described as the Lord Almighty.

What do you make of this? Can you think of other places in the Old or New Testament when 2 Lords are mentioned or inferred?

5. What is the significance of the donkey to the story of Palm Sunday?
6. How do you respond to those who say Jesus was attempting to fulfill Zechariah's prophecy by sending His disciples to find a donkey?
7. What do you think it might mean that Jesus told the disciples exactly where they would find a donkey and its foal; and told them what they should say if challenged?
8. How does Jesus' humility represented by His riding a donkey fit with His teaching that the last shall be first, and the first shall be last?
9. How does Jesus' teaching on humility comport with our tendency to compare ourselves to others either in our lack of satisfaction or our self-justification?
10. Who do you say that Jesus is? Are you submitting to Jesus as King?
11. Do you know anyone who needs a King who can rescue them by dying in their place?

Preview of next week: The Resurrection of A Joyous Living Hope (1 Peter 1:3-9)

BRCC's Children's Ministry

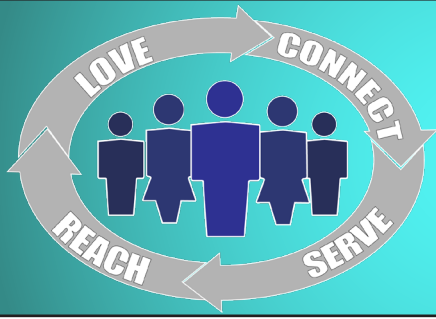
TODAY'S LESSON



Jesus the Servant

Christ lived His life serving everyone.





Announcements

Get our weekly emailed Newsletter!
Sign up for the B'Bridge today online or by visiting our welcome desk.

Upcoming Events

Damir Spoljaric

Damir works in his home land of Croatia as a pastor. We will be praying for him during the month of April.

Find out more about them by visiting brcc.church/missions.

**Contact the Office or see the B'Bridge for more details about these events
You can sign up for the B'Bridge at any time by visiting brcc.church/bridge.

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and You



What is 2019 novel coronavirus?

The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get 2019-nCoV?

This 2019-nCoV virus does seem to be able to spread from person-to-person although it's not clear how easily this happens. Person-to-person spread in the United States has not yet been detected, but it's likely to occur to some extent. At this time this virus is not spreading in the United States so the likelihood of someone in the U.S. getting sick with this virus is very low. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in Wuhan or people who have traveled to Wuhan and less so, other parts of China. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

Have there been cases of 2019-nCoV in the U.S.?

Yes. The first infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States is available on CDC's webpage: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

How does 2019-nCoV spread?

The exact way the virus is spread is not fully known. With similar coronaviruses (MERS and SARS) person-to-person spread is thought to have happened mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other viruses that cause respiratory illness spread. There also may be some spread when a person touches a surface or object that has virus on it and then touches his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Spread of SARS and MERS between people has generally occurred between close contacts. There is much more to learn about 2019-nCoV and investigations are ongoing.

What are the symptoms of 2019-nCoV?

Patients with 2019-nCoV have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself?

- This virus is not spreading in the United States right now, but the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should get medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against 2019-nCoV. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV. People with 2019-nCoV can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

www.cdc.gov/nCoV

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Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT
1

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT
2

The risk of getting COVID-19 in the U.S. is currently low.

Some people who live in or have recently traveled to places where many people have gotten sick with COVID-19 may be monitored by health officials to protect their health and the health of other people in the community.

FACT
3

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.



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FACT
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You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT
5

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

3 ways to Give

Did you know there are 3 ways to give?

1. Cash or Check on Sunday
2. Credit Card online @ www.brcc.church/donate
3. or you can schedule a reoccurring payment via echeck online @ www.brcc.church/donate (it only costs .55¢ to process an online check and can be done in seconds – saving the church time and money that can be put towards serving the Gospel)

14.5¢ of every dollar we receive through the weekly offering is given to missions.

Giving Statements

You can access your online Giving Statements at any time by logging into your mybrcc.church account and selecting the dollar sign from the left hand menu.

Blessed to be a Blessing

