

**I. Introduction and Review.**

**II. The Messianic King, the promised son of David, enters His capital. Psalm 118**

- A. The Psalm speaks to multiple situations – Moses, David, Jesus and us.
- B. The LORD has delivered His people. v. 1-18
1. Praise the LORD Whose lovingkindness is everlasting. v. 1-4 Jer. 33:11
  2. I (the king) called upon the Lord in my distress. v. 5-9
  3. The LORD dramatically rescued me. v. 10-14 Ex. 15:2 Ps. 2:2 Acts 4:25-27
  4. Praise the LORD for His great works. v. 15-18
- C. The King of glory leads the triumphal procession toward the temple. v. 19-21
1. He comes to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD. v. 19
  2. Who is fit to lead God's people into the LORD's holy presence? v. 20 Ps. 24:3-10
  3. He comes to bring salvation to His people. v. 21 Gen. 15:6 Heb. 10:19-22 9:24
  4. How can we enter God's presence today? John 4:23-24 Heb. 10:25 Eph. 2:21f
- D. How will God's Anointed One be received? v. 22-24
1. The builders reject the stone. v. 22a
    - a. Israel and her king were rejected by the nations. Ps. 2:1ff
    - b. Jesus was rejected by the Jewish leaders. v. 22a Mt. 21:33-42 Luke 20:9-18  
Mark 12:1ff John 1:10f 12:19 11:49-53,57 19:15 Acts 4:11 1 Pe. 2:7 Is. 28:13ff
  2. The LORD has made the rejected stone His cornerstone. v. 22b-23
    - a. Salvation comes from Israel. Gen. 12:3 John 4:22
    - b. Christ is the Cornerstone. Eph. 2:20 Rom. 9:32 Mt. 21:43-44
  3. Even His rejection was part of God's plan. Acts 4:27-28 Luke 24:25-27 Isa. 53:1ff
  4. He will be exalted. Phil. 2:9-11
  5. Those who reject Him will be crushed. Dan. 2:34-35,44-45 Is. 8:14-15 1 Pe. 2:7-8
- E. Celebrate God's deliverance. v. 24-29 Ex. 15:1ff John 12:12-13 Mt. 21:9
1. This is the day which the LORD has made. Rejoice! v. 24
  2. Hosanna (save now) to the king. v. 25
  3. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. v. 26
  4. Give thanks to the LORD. v. 27-29, v. 1
- F. Jesus, by entering Jerusalem in this way, declares that He is the King of Glory and the stone rejected by men. He is also the Passover lamb. 1 Cor. 5:7

**III. The triumphal entry from the perspective of the crowds: curiosity. - v. 9, 12-13, 17-18**

- A. A great outpouring of religious enthusiasm.
- B. They don't fully understand the events in which they participate.
1. They are drawn by the signs Jesus performed. v. 9,17-18 Mt. 16:4
  2. They seek an earthly king and deliverer: palms and hosannas. 6:15 Ps. 118:26  
2 Sam. 14:4 2 Kn. 6:26 Ps. 92:12 Lev. 23:40
  3. Later, they reject Him. Mk. 15:12-15
  4. God uses them, in spite of themselves -- the rocks cry out. Mt. 21:15-16 Lu. 19:40
- C. Many today are like the mobs.

1. They seek Jesus for what He can do for them: signs and wonders.
2. They are obsessed with earthly things. 1 Jo. 2:15-17 1 Tim. 6:5,10 Rom. 14:17
3. They follow “messiahs” who promise earthly success and prosperity. 2 Tim. 4:3-4
4. They claim spiritual experiences, but lack spiritual reality. Mt. 7:21-23 13:1-15
5. When they face the cost of discipleship, they flee. v. 25 John 6:66 Mark 8:34ff
6. Jesus weeps over the unbelief in Israel. Luke 19:41-44

**IV. The triumphal entry from the perspective of the Lord Jesus: the cross before the crown. v. 14-16**

- A. He openly allows Himself to be declared the Messianic King. v. 13
  1. Previously He had restrained the crowds who wanted to exalt Him. 6:15
  2. Now He is ready to receive their adulation. v. 23 Luke 19:39-40
  3. He consciously and deliberately acts in the fulfillment of prophecy. 12:14  
Ps. 118:26 Zech. 9:9 Gen. 17:6 49:10 Luke 1:30-33 Mt. 21:1-6
- B. He demonstrates what kind of King He is. v. 14-15 1 Ki. 1:33,38
  1. He is not a conquering warrior King riding on a horse. Jer. 8:6 Rev. 6:4
  2. He comes in peace and humility on a donkey. Zec. 9:9-10 Gen. 49:9-11 Mic. 4
  3. He brings peace to the world. v. 19-20,32 11:52 3:16 Zech. 9:10 Ps. 72:8 Isa. 9:6
  4. His mission of peace is accomplished only by way of the humiliation of the cross.  
v. 24 Zech. 9:9,11 13:1 Mark 10:45 Mt. 26:27-28
  5. He conquers mightier enemies than Rome: sin and death. Rom. 5:1 Heb. 2:14-17
- C. At this time, only Jesus fully understands the nature of His kingdom. v. 16 2:22 14:26
  1. He realizes that He will only receive His crown through the cross. v. 23-24
  2. This scene is a glorious inbreaking of the kingdom which is yet to come. Is. 40:9-11
  3. The disciples only understand these events after He has ascended.
  4. Many today still don't grasp the spiritual nature of His kingdom. 18:36 1 Co. 2:14

**V. The triumphal entry from the perspective of Jesus' enemies: murderous envy. v. 9-11,19**

- A. The display of His glory provokes them to envious hatred. Lu. 19:39 Mt. 21:15-16
  1. They should have sent a delegation out to greet Him and to pay homage. Ps. 2:10ff
  2. Instead, they again take counsel together against the Lord and His anointed.  
v. 10,19 Ps. 2:1ff 118:22 Acts 4:25-26,11
  3. They are without excuse. John 12:10-11,37-43
  4. We who follow Jesus are subject to the same hatred. v. 10-11 15:18 Ps. 118:6-14
- B. Jesus' coming forebodes disaster for His enemies. Ps. 118:22 Mt. 21:12-44
  1. He purges the temple of their corruptions. Mt. 21:12-13
  2. He curses the fig tree. Mt. 21:18f
  3. The kingdom is about to be given to others. v. 20 3:16-17 Mt. 21:33f
  4. Those who reject the Cornerstone will be crushed. Mt. 21:42-46
- C. The world is coming after Him. v. 19-20 3:16 Rev. 5:9 7:9-10
- D. Jesus voluntarily lays down His life for His sheep. v. 23-24 10:11,17

**VI. Concluding applications: What is your response to King Jesus?**

- A. Exalt King Jesus today! Heb. 13:15 Ps. 118:25-26
- B. This event is only a foretaste of His final glorious triumph. Rev. 7:9-12 Phil. 2:9-11