

Logos Class – Lesson for Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

The Coming Prince

Before we get started

*This year in 2024, Passover and Easter week do not overlap
Because of the way the church calculates the Easter Celebration is
different than the Jewish calculation of Passover.*

Triumphal Entry – March 24, 2024 – Western Christians

Easter – March 31, 2024, Western Christians (May 5 – Eastern)

Passover – April 22, 2024

***Purim** started March 23rd at dusk and goes through Mar 24th*

*For my sessions this year I will assume the Biblical understanding
that Passover occurred between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday*

Chaos and Terror in this Season

- *Easter, Palm Sunday, and Passover are all affronts to Muslims who believe any tolerance of other religious views is to be met with violence and death to the offenders/ Infidels*
- *Muslim Eschatology sees that increasing violence and chaos fomented by them against the infidels will hasten the return of their Mahdi to proclaim Allah and take over the world.*
- *Don't be surprised at violent actions across the world particularly towards Jews and Christians. We are two weeks in...*
- ***One wild card this year is the Red Heifer sacrifice***
- *I will set all this aside for the day and take a tour through the scriptures to help us understand the importance of Palm Sunday*

As we study today's lesson, we will look at John, Luke, and Matthew as well as some OT books to understand this day

Red Heifer...what is it and why is it important now

- *Since the time of Moses, only 9 red heifers have been sacrificed in Israel*
- *Numbers 19 is a purification chapter and speaks of a perfect Red Heifer that has never borne a yoke to be burned and the ashes used to cleanse the new temple.*
- *It must be burned on the Mount of Olives in view of the Temple (or where the Temple would be).*
- *This land on the Mt of Olives is owned by a Jewish Rabbi, **and a sacrificial altar is already being built.** Some say that the sacrifice and burning of the red heifers will take place before Passover 2024 because the heifers are approaching 3 years old.*
- *Muslims are incensed and this is one of the flash points that is used as an excuse to attack Israel. **Watch this space as we approach Passover 24***
- ***This does not mean the Jews are going to rebuild the Temple now, but it is another shoe to drop along the way of preparation.***

Altar for burning the Red Heifer

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- Bottom Left:** "MORE VIDEOS" button and "CBS SATURDAY MORNING" logo.
- Bottom Center:** Playback controls including play/pause, volume, and a progress bar showing 2:04 / 5:08.
- Bottom Right:** CC, settings, YouTube logo, and full screen icons.

Story on CBS news and Prophecy News Watch 3/21/24



John 12:1-3 *A little background for “Palm” Sunday*

12 *Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to **Bethany** (house of figs or house of Misery -sick people), where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.*

² *Here a **dinner was given in Jesus’ honor**. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.*

³ *Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.....*

Let me comment before we go further

- *The term “Palm Sunday” is not in the Bible. We conclude that Jesus traveled to Jerusalem the day after He arrived in Bethany, which is 6 days before Passover.*
- *Tradition tells us that Passover was Thursday, before Good Friday, and the beginning of the traditional Saturday Sabbath. (Friday dusk-Sat sunset)*
- *Using this calculation, then Jesus would have arrived at Bethany sometime on Saturday and enjoyed the celebration for Lazarus given by Mary and Martha.*
- *“the Next day” they went to Jerusalem...Palm Sunday*
- *There are complications from this traditional view, and I will cover this in the daily emails next week in some more detail.*

Reactions of crowd and Jews

⁹ *Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, **not only because of Him but also to see Lazarus**, whom he had raised from the dead.*

¹⁰ *So the **chief priests** made **plans to kill Lazarus** as well,*

¹¹ ***for on account of him**, many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.*

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¹² *The **next day** the great crowd that had come for the festival **heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.***

¹³ *They took **palm branches** and went out to meet him*

Matthew 21:1-3 On the way to Jerusalem

¹ *As they approached Jerusalem and came to **Bethphage** on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,*

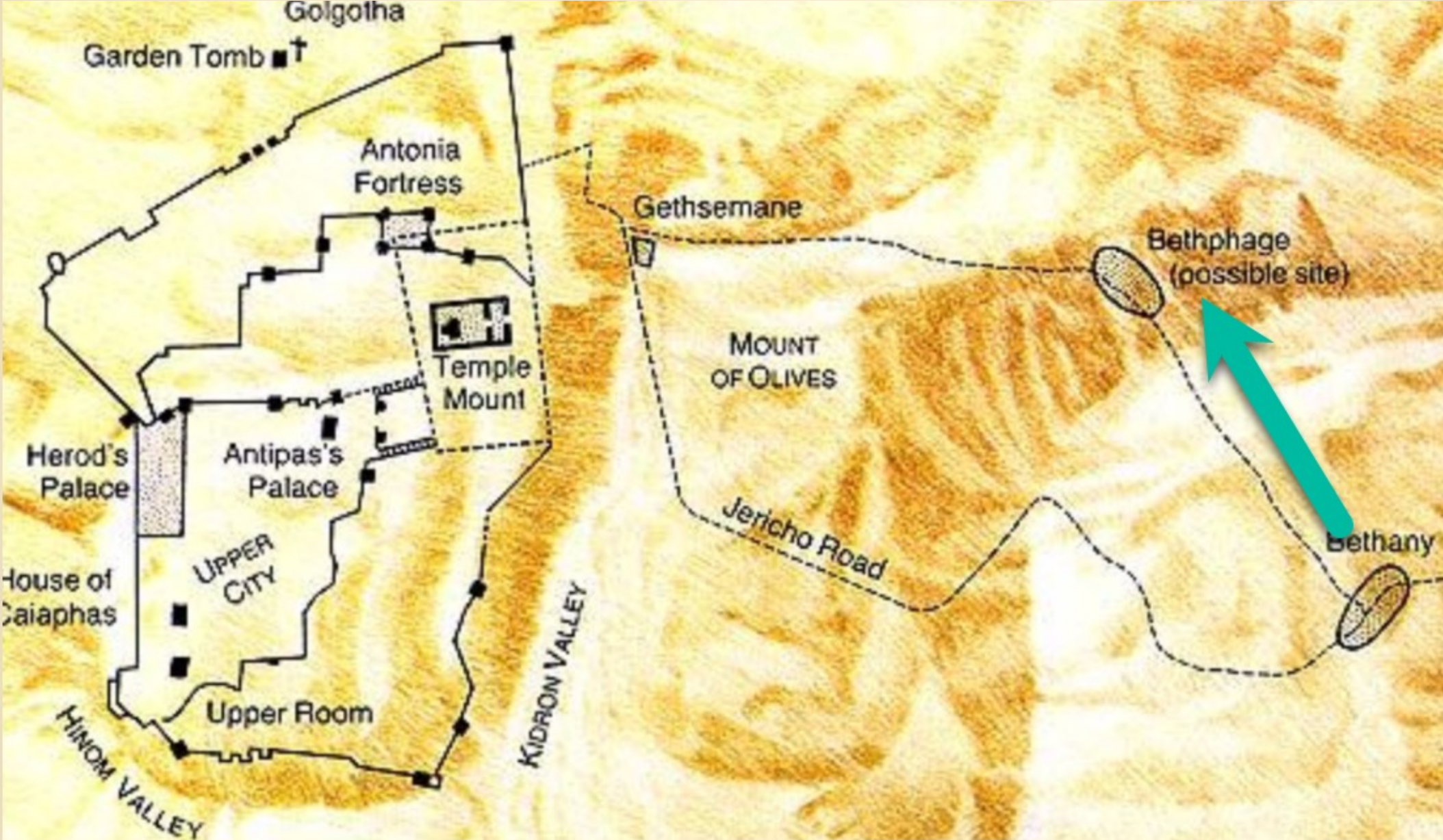
² *saying to them, “**Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.***

³ *If anyone says anything to you, say that **the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”***

Jesus walked everywhere He went in Israel, from Nazareth to Galilee and Jerusalem and all the places He traveled.

What is different here?

Map for Today's Lesson



What is happening here?

***Matt 21:4** This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: (Zechariah 9:9)*

***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.’” *****

***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.*

***** - miracle in itself***

Matt 21:9-11

⁹ *The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "**Hosanna** to the Son of David!" (hosanna=save us now) "**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**"*

"Hosanna 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.**"*

Prophetic Detour in Daniel Chapter 9:21-25

*21 while I was still in prayer, **Gabriel**, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me **in swift flight** about the time of the evening sacrifice.*

*22 He instructed me and said to me, “**Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding.**”*

*23 As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. **Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:***

24 “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

*25 “**Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ (or 69 ‘sevens)**”*

Nehemiah 2: 1-8. *The Clock begins to tick*

¹ *In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before,*

² *so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.”*

I was very much afraid,

³ *but I said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?”*

⁴ *The king said to me, “**What is it you want?**”*

Then I prayed to the God of heaven,

⁵ *and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”*

⁶ *Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.*

⁷ *I also said to him, “If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?”*

⁸ *And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” **And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.***

Inside the numbers and details

*The date for this “sending” is calculated to be **March 16, 445 BC.***

- *With this in mind, we can add the time in Daniel (69 weeks of years) times 360 Jewish days in a Jewish year, and arrive at **April 6, 32 AD** (173,880 days) and we should have the approximate date the Anointed One is to arrive.*
- *I can't be exact on the sending date, but historical writings and clues lead scholars to this date.*

*As it turns out, this date in April is the Sunday before the Passover in the year of Christ's death. **Interesting for sure.***

Biblical scholars among the Jews should have known this time

Two more verses...*in Jesus' own words...*

Luke 24:44 NIV

*44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: **Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.**"*

Luke 18:31 NIV

*31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "**We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.**"*

And Finally...

Isa 9:6. A verse well remembered calls Him the Prince of Peace

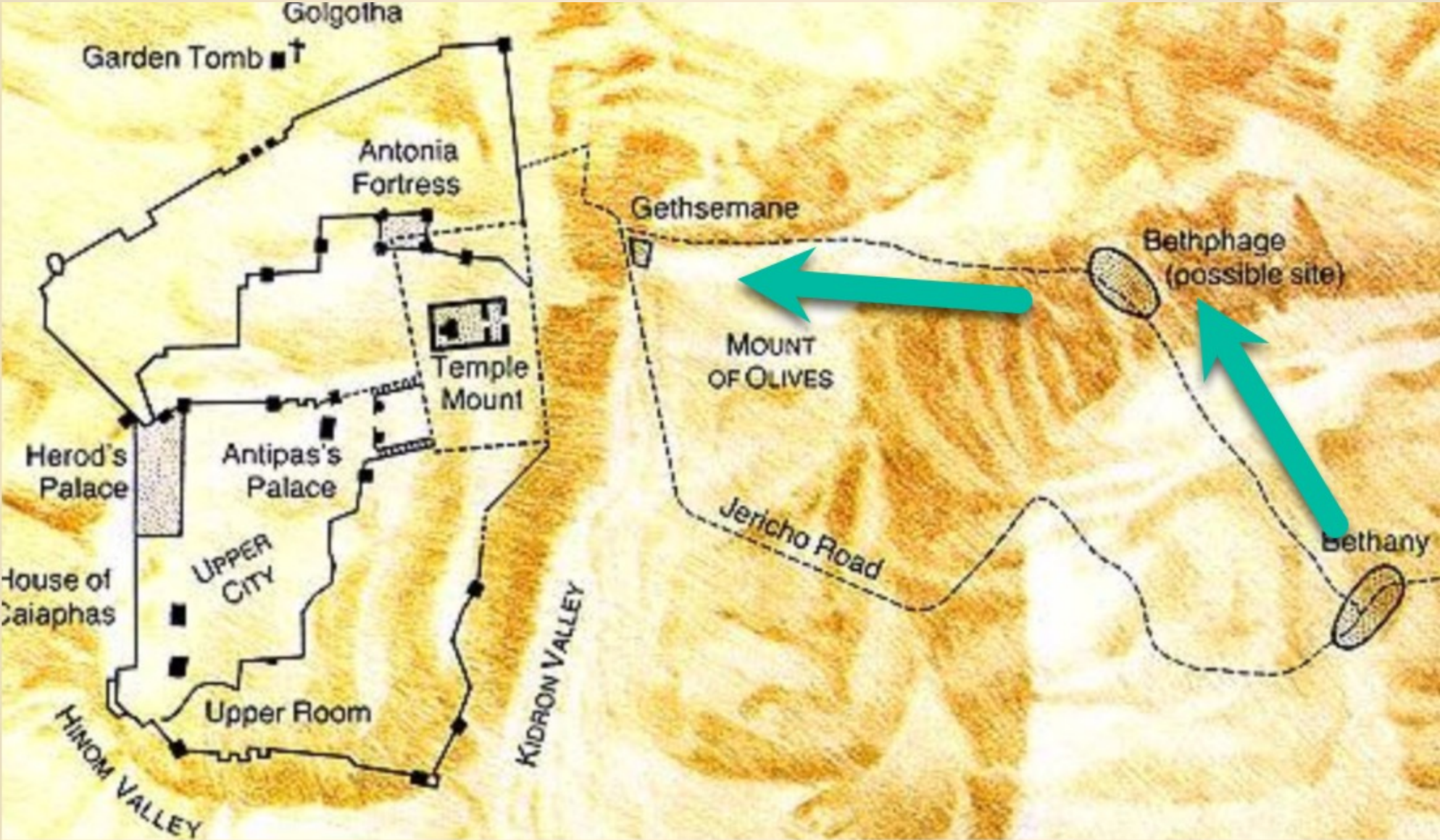
*⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.***

In Daniel 9:25 ...until the Anointed One, the ruler (means prince or king) comes ...

*He is called the Ruler, the Anointed one, or in some translations the
“Coming Prince”*

***He appears to the Jews as the Prince of Peace, the Anointed
One***

Reminder of the path taken



Let's re-read Matt 21:5-11

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.’”*

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Clearly there are several conclusions you can see forming...

Luke 19:37-40 *The Disciples catch the fire*

*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 19:41-44 *The Time of His Coming*

*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**”*

I will stop reading here because verses 45 and beyond happen on Monday

Think about this...

- *We live in the days **between Him coming on a Donkey as our King...in Peace to redeem and forgive us***
- *And Him coming on a White Horse **for judgment and punishment***
- *Hopefully, we answered the call when He came as the **Prince of Peace to us, as individuals. Hopefully we did not MISS our Time of Appearing so that:***
 - *We will **return with Him** on white horses when He comes the next time?*
 - ***And not face Him** as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords*

*My encouragement today is to weep like Jesus over those we know who have not received Him. Like Jesus, we know the fate that awaits them. **We cannot make them believe but we can share, pray and be examples for them***

As we close, I want to recount something we need to hear

- **From Erick Ericson** on being *profoundly certain of your belief*
- **And Hope from a Psalm** as we go through this week ahead

Some Profound Certainty (Erick Erickson)

Jude 24-25

*²⁴ To him **who is able to keep you** from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— ²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ **our Lord**, before all ages, **now and forevermore!** Amen.*

Hebrews 10:23 the writer says

*²³ Let us **hold unswervingly to the hope we profess**, for he who promised is faithful.*

Close with a reading of Ps 91:1-6

¹ *Whoever dwells in the **shelter of the Most High** will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

² *I will say of the LORD, “**He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.**”*

³ *Surely, he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the **deadly pestilence.***

⁴ *He will cover you with his feathers, and **under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.***

⁵ *You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,*

⁶ *nor the **pestilence** that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

For such a time as this...

- *Purim is being celebrated all across Jewish households as the time of Esther's calling and action is remembered.*
- *In today's world with crime, violence, fear of terror, fear of sickness, and disease coming over us like waves of destruction it is well to heed what we just read...*

*⁵ You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ nor the **pestilence** that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

As we walk in the Spirit, in today's world, let's shelter with God and keep our profound certainty of His Death, Burial, and Resurrection and the Hope it brings to us.

*Like Luther when called to account for his writings on reform before the Emperor. **"Here I stand, and I can do no other. God help me."***

What will I do? What will you do? We will be called to stand.

This coming week

- *I will send out a daily note to all in my email list on the happenings for each day until Resurrection Sunday*
- *I will use the traditional sequence with Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday in their traditional places to avoid confusion*
- *Hopefully, as you read and pray ...you will feel more of the Passion of Passion Week as we come to next Sunday.*
- *Also, remember 3 services next Sunday, our class is at the same time and same place. We will also Zoom*
- *Pray for our country, its leaders, our state, and our leaders*
 - *Our church and its leaders and each other*
- *Have a blessed week in the Lord*