

Behold, Your King Is Coming By Trey Sullins

Who is Jesus Christ? Humans have always had a desire to know and understand how others think and feel about different situations. A good example of this is that today's 24-hour news cycle on television is largely dedicated to opinion based news reporting. Another example is in the field of psychology which tries to scientifically figure out the way our brains work. The important question is: do we understand who our savior Jesus Christ is? The scriptures give us much help in answering this question. Zechariah 9:9 is one such location declaring the characteristics of our Lord.

First, we notice that the "King" was coming to Jerusalem. This powerful prophecy of Jesus reveals the authority that He has. As king He has all power and all control. Matthew 28:18 shows us that this authority was given to Him by the Father therefore this authority is very important for us to realize and follow after. Again, in Ephesians 1:22-23 the Bible tells us that all things are under His feet because He is head over all things.

Second, the king is coming with justice. Our main text says, "He is just." This is what Jesus was bringing to Jerusalem and the world whenever he finally arrived. Throughout history kings have sought their own gain at the expense of their people. War, taxes, and oppression were common results of this mindset. Consider some of the kings that led to the ultimate destruction of Judah as a nation. God through Habakkuk sums them up well by saying "Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore, perverse judgment proceeds." (Habakkuk 1:4). Yet when the heavenly King came, he would bring justice to the world. The word "just" refers to lawfulness, correctness, or righteousness. Not only was this justice going to be brought by the final judgement to, but His life and teachings brought a lifestyle of justice. His commandments are holy so when you follow them you too will be holy (Romans 7:12).

Third, the king was coming with salvation. Since the very beginning of time humans have had a great attraction to finding salvation outside this world. Evidence of this is that nearly all religions around the world seek some better afterlife in the end. However, there is only one that brings true salvation: Jesus Christ. In fact, the Bible tells us that this was the entire purpose for Jesus Christ coming to this earth (1 Thessalonians 5:9; Hebrews 10:10-12). This salvation comes to those who embrace the life of justice that Jesus taught. Like a lighthouse, a person must come to the light of Jesus in order to escape the storms of life (John 1:4).

Finally, this king was coming with humility. Arrogance is a trait commonly found among leaders and kings. They will often parade themselves about while seeking glory and attention. Jesus, the King of kings, would make his appearance in a very humble way: "Lowly and riding on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). Being God, Jesus could have come to this world with great pageantry, but instead He chose the life of a servant to others. The Holy Spirit tells us this in Philippians 2:5-9 when He says that Jesus "being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." Truly He is an amazing example of humility to follow.

Understanding the Savior is a very important part of imitating the Savior. Looking unto Zechariah 9:9 we find four great principles: The King was coming, He was bringing justice, He was bringing

salvation, and He was coming with humility. In the New Testament we find something else that must be remembered: that same king is coming back! In the end the King is going to deliver His kingdom to the Father (1 Corinthians 15:24). Will you be found therein? Behold, your King is coming!