

# Jesus Came As King (Matthew 21:1 -11)

Palm Sunday is the first day of the Passion Week on which Jesus entered Jerusalem to finish the three year of his public life and to accomplish redemption for all on the Cross. In today's verses, Jesus ordered disciples to bring a donkey, to sit on it when he entered Jerusalem and a large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them - followed by shouts: **"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9) When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked: "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10) Who is Jesus? A Religious philosopher or social reformer, educator or politician?**

**Judgement/ Creator/ King** People in the world might not have the interest to know who Jesus is but all of us will ask it when we stand judgement after death. **"Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment (Hebrews 9:27)**

**1) Lord as Judge "the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son (John 5:22) No one could avoid judgement unless saved by the blood of Christ. "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son does not have life. (John 5:12)**

**2) Lord as creator "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made (John 1:1-3)**

**3) Jesus as King. "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me (Matthew 28:18) Jesus has all authority as God. He is alpha and omega-beginning and the end "See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand. (Deut 32:39)**

**Kingdom / Church / Sovereignty of Jesus Christ** We could not ask God's work because God is omnipresent, almighty, flawless, no mistakes in what he does. **"for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable (Romans 11:29) "Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? (Romans 9:21) All of us are lump of clay, God is potter who make in his purpose, it is His absolute authority. No king existed if there is no kingdom. **Where is kingdom of Jesus? It is the Church where we gather. Our king Jesus always sovereigns his kingdom by Holy Spirit. Jesus is the master of our church.** We should put out all things so that Jesus will do what we could not do. **"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind to set the oppressed free (Luke 4:18)****

**1) Jesus came to proclaim the good news to the poor.** God created us in the likeness of God, in His own image as glorious so poverty suffering and curse - what we experience is not normal. **Freed from curse** **"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole. (Gal 3:13) Jesus on the Cross set us free from curse and declare our freedom. **Freed from poverty and become spiritually rich** **"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, through his poverty you might become rich.(2 Corin 8:9)****

**2) Jesus came to proclaim freedom for the prisoners.** We are not created as prisoners but supposed to serve God and enjoy the Faith, Hope and Love in His grace. Because of Adam and Eve's sin - disobedience to God, all of us became slave of Satan and sin. **Freedom from prison of lust. "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21)**

**3) Jesus came to proclaim for recovery of sight for the blind.** Because of Adam and Eve's sin, their spiritual sight became blind and the fellowship of God has disconnected. **We do not know the reason of existence (Identity) when we loss God.** We could not know where we are from, what to live for and where to head to w but Jesus came to make us to open our spiritual sight to see what we did not see before. **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corin 5:17). Our sight for life will be changed**

**4) Jesus came to set the oppressed free** No oppression in garden of Eden because God made all things for Adam but all of these disappeared after Adam and eve's disobedience to God.

**\*Worry for what to eat, drink and wear for own life. "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear. For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.(Matthew 6:31-33)**

**\*Oppressed by guilt and condemnation.** No one can overcome fear of death but we will be free from it when we accept Jesus.

**\*Oppressed by Sickness of physical, spiritual. "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.(Isaiah 53:5-6) "But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.(Jeremiah 18:4)**

Our life is the clay in God's hands regardless, it all depends on how God made us. We should entrust our future to God - who will guide, lead our life. Obey His Word and Plan. Believing in God is to glorify Him. We should give our best to God.