HERE COMES THE KING

PRIMARY TEXT: Matthew 21:1-11 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, tell him 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 the Daughter of Zion, ⁵ 'See, your KING comes to you, ⁵ gentle and riding on a donkey, ⁵ on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' "^{[a] 6} The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 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, ⁹ "Hosanna^[b] to the Son of David!" ⁹ "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"^{[c] 9} "Hosanna^[d] in the highest!" 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? WHO IS JESUS?

"Christianity, in its purest form, is nothing more than seeing Jesus." -Max Lucado

I. SENSE THE EXCITEMENT, _____ IS HERE!

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! ⁹ Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! ⁹ See, your king^[a] comes to you, ⁹ righteous and having salvation, ⁹ gentle and riding on a donkey, ⁹ on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 2:1-3

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

"The essence of other religions is advice; Christianity is essentially news." Timothy Keller

C.S. Lewis "Enemy occupied territory—that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed . . and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign . . .

II. HEAR THE CRY, A _____ IS HERE!

Matthew 21:9 ⁹ "Hosanna^b to the Son of David!" ⁹ "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"^[] ⁹ "Hosanna^[d] in the highest!" Hosanna—means SAVE US NOW

John 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

"For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man." John Stott

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in^[a] Christ Jesus our Lord

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin^[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

CONCLUSION:

Jesus entered Jerusalem in this way to say I am the king and I am the savior. But you must decide whether He will be your king and your savior. So what is it going to be?