

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Is He Really the King? Yes! And Much More!

Series: Easter 2023...2 **Text:** Hebrews 1:1 - 14

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of some of the assignments that Jesus Christ has fulfilled!

~ A reminder of last week's devotional entitled, Behold the Lamb of God Who Takes Away the Sin of the World!”:

1. A Lamb to Cover Me
2. A Lamb Not of the Flock
3. A Lamb to Set Me Free

Matthew 21:1 - 11 Mark 11:1 - 10

~ But not all were rejoicing...not the Pharisees, or the Sadducees, or the high priests, or the political leaders!

1. Jesus Christ the Son of God:

~ vs. 2 - 5, “but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. (3) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (4) having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (5) For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?”

~ John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

~ Matthew 3:16 - 17, “and when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him, (17) and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.””

2. Jesus Christ the King:

~ vs. 8, “But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.”

~ Isaiah 9:7, “Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

~ Jeremiah 23:5, “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

~ Zechariah 9:9, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

~ Revelation 19:16, “On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”

3. Jesus Christ the Prophet:

~ Hebrews 1:1 - 2, “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”

~ Matthew 21:11, “And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

4. Jesus Christ the High Priest:

~ Hebrews 1:3, “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

This was the annual task of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement! See Leviticus 16:2 - 3, 29; 23:26 - 27; Hebrews 9:7

~ Hebrews 4:14 - 16, “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. (15) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. (16) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

5. Jesus Christ the Lamb of God:

~ Hebrews 9:11 - 14, “But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) (12) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. (13) For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, (14) how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

~ 1 Peter 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

Conclusion:

Palm Sunday is far more than remembering the Lord Jesus Christ entering into Jerusalem and hailed as King; it is a profound reminder that He as King is the eternal God come in the flesh, the true prophet, the divine High Priest of our faith who presented himself as our Lamb removing our sin—once for all!