

Rejoice...The King Is Coming

Zechariah 9:9-10

*“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

A. Introduction To A Different Kind of King

1. Every generation longs for a leader who can fix what is broken.
2. We see it in politics, in culture, in the church. searching for that special person.
3. Someone strong enough, wise enough, and good enough to put things right.
4. Everyone who wants to lead make big promises, making assurances to everyone.
5. Yet history teaches us a sobering lesson.
6. We choose leaders based on those promises, promises to give us what we want.
7. But those promises frequently dissolve into disappointment.
8. Campaign speeches are bold, but outcomes are limited.
9. Expectations are high, but reality is we end up with empty promises.
10. Israel knew this struggle, they longed for deliverance from Roman oppression
11. They prayed for a king to overthrow their enemies, restoring their pride & glory.
12. They were waiting for a warrior mounted on a war horse, crowned in splendour.
13. But when God spoke through Zechariah, He painted a very different picture.
14. Not on a war horse, but a donkey, not with force but in humility.
15. God was saying: *“My King will not be like the kings you expect—but He will be exactly the King you need.”*

B. A King Who Comes to Us

1. This is one of the most breathtakingly beautiful truths in Scripture:
2. Humanity does not ascend to God; He comes down to us.
3. This prophecy finds its fulfillment in Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
4. And that is still His nature today. God is not distant. He is coming toward you.
5. He is not a reluctant King—He is a Saviour that is seeking us.

C. A Righteous King

1. Every earthly leader is flawed, marked by inconsistency, or moral failure.
2. But this King is perfect in character, pure in motive, just in every decision
3. Jesus doesn’t merely act righteously—He *is* righteousness.
4. This matters more than we often realise.
5. A sinful ruler brings injustice, corruption, and oppression.
6. But a righteous King brings order, trust, and peace.
7. You never have to question His integrity or second-guess His decisions.
8. You never have to fear being treated unfairly by Him.
9. You can surrender fully to His rule—because His rule is perfectly good.

D. A Victorious King

1. This sounds like a conquering king—but where is the army? The show of force?
2. God’s victory would not come through military force or political power
3. Instead, His victory would come through the cross, sacrifice, & resurrection
4. What looked like defeat became the greatest victory in history.
5. The crown came at the cross, where Jesus conquered Sin, Death, & Satan.
6. Whatever you are facing today, your King has already won the ultimate victory.
7. You are not fighting *for* victory—you are living *from* victory.

E. A Humble King

1. In ancient times, symbolism mattered deeply:
2. A war horse represented power, conquest & domination.
3. A donkey represented peace and humility
4. Jesus deliberately chose the donkey.
5. He was declaring: “*I have not come to crush you—I have come to save you.*”
6. This reveals His heart is accessible, gentle, & servant-hearted.
7. Earthly rulers demand loyalty, & submission, not inviting relationship.
8. He does not reject the broken, the unworthy or the weary, He welcomes them.
9. You do not need to clean yourself up before coming to Him. You simply come.

F. The Right Response: Rejoice!

1. “*Rejoice greatly... shout...*”
2. This is not mild appreciation—it is overflowing joy. Why such joy?
3. Because this King comes, is righteous, gentle & humble & has secured victory.
4. He is everything we need—and more than we expected.
5. Yet there is a sobering warning in this moment.
6. On what we call Palm Sunday, the crowds rejoiced – but misunderstood Him.
7. They wanted a political saviour - He came to be a spiritual Saviour.
8. They wanted immediate change around them.
9. He came to bring eternal change within them.
10. And within days, their cries of “Hosanna!” turned into “Crucify Him!”
11. It is possible to celebrate Jesus—and still not truly know Him.
12. So, the call is clear: Do not just rejoice in what you hope He will do.
13. Receive Him for who He truly is.

G. What Will You Do With This King?

1. We face a choice: Ignore Him, misunderstand Him? Or receive Him?
2. This King still comes today, not on a donkey, but through His Word and Spirit.
3. He comes, calling for repentance, offering forgiveness So, rejoice & respond.
4. He will come again. Not in humility, but as a reigning King, to reign forever.