

Jesus' Entries Into Jerusalem
Past and Future Palm Sundays

- **Text:** Matthew 21:1-13 & Revelation 19:11-21; Zechariah 14:4
- **Intro:**
 - What we have just read are two separate accounts where the Lord Jesus Christ enters the city of Jerusalem.
 - One occurred at His first coming and the other shall occur in the future at His second coming.
 - The two entries are separated by 2,000 years.
 - The first account occurred on what is traditionally called Palm Sunday.
 - Wouldn't it be something if our Lord's return occurred also on a Sunday?
 - I have entitled this message "Past and Future Palm Sundays".
 - What I want to attempt to do in this message is to compare and contract these two entries of the Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.
 - We are going to look at seven areas concerning the Lord's two entries.
 - 1) His Approach
 - 2) His Appearance
 - 3) His Audience
 - 4) His Affect
 - 5) His Army
 - 6) His Attack
 - 7) His Activity
- **I. His Approach**
 - **First Palm Sunday**
 - "And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives," – Mark 11:1
 - Bethany is located two miles east of Jerusalem on the eastern slope of the Mount Olives.
 - On that first Palm Sunday our Lord's approach and entry into Jerusalem was an earthly one.
 - **Future or Tribulation Palm Sunday**
 - "And I saw heaven opened,..." – Revelation 19:11
 - "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east,..." – Zechariah 14:4
 - We this future Palm Sunday that our Lord's approach and entry into Jerusalem shall be a heavenly one.
 - Our Lord will literally land on top of the Mount of Olives from heaven.
- **II. His Appearance**
 - **First Palm Sunday**
 - "...thy King cometh unto thee, **meek**, and sitting upon an ass, and a **colt** the **foal** of an **ass**." – Matthew 21:5
 - Notice our Lord's outward appearance as he rode into Jerusalem – "**meek**"
 - As our Lord rode into Jerusalem he wasn't prideful and arrogant, full of Him self.
 - No, He was humble.
 - Someone who is meek is in submission.

- Jesus was in submission to the Father’s will for His life.
 - The word “meek” here reminds of what Jesus said in **Matthew 11:29**, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for **I am meek and lowly in heart**: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”
 - We want to notice our Lord’s ride.
 - “a **colt** the **foal** of an **ass**.” – or a young ass.
 - An ass is a humble beast.
 - A beast that is used to carry heavy burdens.
 - A sure footed beast and for this reason very useful on rough road and steep hills.
 - “And when he was come nigh, even now at the **descent** of the mount of Olives,” – Luke 19:37
 - Jesus was coming down the mountain.
- **Future or Tribulation Palm Sunday**
 - The only similarity between these Palm Sundays is Jesus is called a king.
 - “Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord:” – Luke 19:38
 - “KING OF KINGS,” – Revelation 19:16
 - **See Revelation 19:12-13.**
 - “His **eyes** were as a flame of fire”
 - “on his **head** were many crowns;”
 - “he was **clothed** with a vesture dipped in blood:”
 - Notice His ride – “a white horse;” – Revelation 19:11
 - Not the humble young ass but a beast used in warfare.
 - A beast of courage and seasoned for battle.
 - Notice His titles – Not the meek and lowly Jesus.
 - “Faithful and True” – Revelation 19:11
 - “the Word of God” – Revelation 19:13
 - “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” – Revelation 19:16
- **III. His Audience**
 - **First Palm Sunday**
 - “...a very great multitude...” – Matthew 21:8
 - “...the whole multitude of the disciples...” – Luke 19:37
 - “...his disciples...” – John 12:16
 - “...much people...” – John 12:12
 - “...the chief priests and scribes...” – Matthew 21:15
 - “...the Pharisees...” – Luke 19:39
 - **Future or Tribulation Palm Sunday**
 - “...all the nations that come against Jerusalem.” – Zechariah 12:9
 - “...the house of David,...” Zechariah 12:10
 - “...the inhabitants of Jerusalem,...” Zechariah 12:10
 - “...they (**the nation of Israel**) shall look upon me whom (**Christ**) they have pierced,...” Zechariah 12:10
- **IV. His Affect**
 - **First Palm Sunday**
 - On the Multitude that followed Him.
 - **See Matthew 21:8-9**

- **See Luke 19:37-38**
- The city of Jerusalem was affected.
 - "...all the city was moved..." – **Matthew 21:10**
 - The city was moved in an emotional sense.
 - The next time Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem it will be moved physically.
- Notice what those in the city of Jerusalem said.
 - "Who is this?" – **Matthew 21:10**
 - Those in the city still doubted who Jesus was, the Messiah.
- Notice the multitude that followed Him, still did not recognized Him as the Messiah.
 - Notice how they responded to the question – "Who is this?"
 - "And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." – **Matthew 21:11.**
- **Future or Tribulation Palm Sunday**
 - Physical Effects
 - "...the mount of Olives shall **cleave** in the **midst** thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." – Zech 14:4
 - The Mount of Olives shall split in two.
 - A very great valley will be created as a result.
 - According to Zech. 14:5 – Many will flee to the valley of the mountains.
 - According to Zech. 14:6-7 – There will no longer be day or night – always light out.
 - According to Zech. 14:11 – Safety shall be restored to the city of Jerusalem.
 - Spiritual Effects
 - "In that day shall there be a **great mourning** in Jerusalem,..." – Zech. 12:11.
- **V. His Army**
 - **First Palm Sunday**
 - The Lord Jesus Christ had no earthly army following Him as He entered the city of Jerusalem on that the first Palm Sunday.
 - **Future or Tribulation Palm Sunday**
 - The Lord Jesus Christ will have a heavenly army following Him as He enters the city of Jerusalem on that future Palm Sunday.
 - "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." – Rev. 19:14
 - The army shall be made up of the body of Christ, the Church.
 - Each born again child of God who went up at the rapture shall be part of that heavenly army.
 - That means you and that means me – Glory to God!!!!
 - Some of you may have never ridden a horse before but you will someday.
 - Some of you may have never been in the army of your country but someday you will be in the army of your heavenly country.