

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 contrast 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.