

**“Our King is coming!”  
Zechariah 9:9-10**

**Our King is coming! And that will change everything!**

- Historical setting – post exile during the work of Ezra, temple being rebuilt, but not anywhere close to done
  - Exile happened because they resisted God’s rule
  - Why did they need a king? Because things were not going well. Things were not the way they were supposed to be.
    - They needed someone to rule over them, to save them from the nations and from themselves
    - “The coming Branch, a Davidic ruler who will save his people, cleanse their sins and establish peace” (3:8 - servant, 6:9-15 - man, 9:9-10 - king) (*ESV Study Bible*)
- A message of hope (vv. 9b-10)
  - How should they respond to this hope?
    - *Rejoice* greatly, O daughter of Zion! *Shout* in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!
      - Rejoice - *shriek ecstatically, shout with joy*
      - **“Hooray! Our King is coming!”**
- Disrupted desire
  - The kind of king they wanted (and we want) (1 Samuel 8:19-20)
  - Here we find the goodness of God
    - He “is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think” (Eph 3:20)
    - He shakes us up and pulls us out of our sinful, self-centered patterns
- Characteristics of the King and His reign
  - Just/Righteous – rules rightly, makes things right
    - *Illustration:* English paper, softball throw
  - Having salvation – saved from the perils of oppressors (not just spiritual); deliverance
  - Humble
    - not like Alexander the Great
    - “the whole of the lowly, miserable, suffering condition as it is elaborately depicted in Isaiah 53”; lowly, miserable, bowed down, full of suffering
    - Westminster Shorter Catechism, question 23: “Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in the state of His humiliation and exaltation.”
  - Speaking peace
    - Cut off violence – humble, but NOT powerless!
      - Ephraim – represents Northern Kingdom
      - Jerusalem – represents Southern Kingdom
    - Peace – shalom – peace with God – relational peace
    - To the nations (Isaiah 9:6-7)
      - The people of Israel had wanted a king “like all the nations”; what they/we got was a King who spoke peace to the nations
      - The “mystery” in Ephesians – that the gospel is for the nations and even the ends of the earth!
- *Application:* Consider your expectations of God. Do your expectations of Him line up with how He has revealed Himself in His Word?
  - Do you worship a Santa Claus God who gives you anything you want if you meet some arbitrary standard of goodness?

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- Historical setting – Roman rule
  - Why did they need a king? Because the people of God were broken and oppressed
- The Triumphal Entry (hope realized) (Matthew 21:1-11, John 12:16)
  - How did they respond to this hope?
    - Rejoice - *shriek ecstatically, shout with joy*
      - **“Hosanna! Our King is coming!”**
- Characteristics of the King and His reign
  - Just/Righteous – Disruptive! Flipping over tables in the temple (Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19)
    - Because the true worship of God was His objective
      - *Application:* What is your objective during this service? In the rest of life?
  - Having salvation – saved from the power of Rome; deliverance
  - Humble – Riding on the foal of a donkey – more lowly – not really more peaceful
    - *Illustration:* The President picking a second hand Toyota instead of a limo for his car
  - Speak peace
    - Cut off violence – humble, but NOT powerless!
    - Peace – shalom – peace with God – relational peace (Luke 2:13-14)
    - Pax Romana – Sustaining peace by military might over an empire – ruling justly?
    - Jesus offers of different peace over His kingdom
      - “By dealing with the wrath of God against sin, Christ changed a situation of alienation from God to a situation of peace” (*ESV Study Bible*, 24)
      - His peace is based on the righteousness of God
      - Therefore it brings turmoil because it’s against our nature
      - It is a re-setting of Shalom
    - Rule from sea to sea – not yet, but it’s the beginning

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- Historical setting – we live between verses 9 and 10
  - Why do we need our King? Because we’re a broken mess
- Hope
  - How should we respond to this hope?
    - Rejoice - *shriek ecstatically, shout with joy*
      - **“Holy, holy, holy! Our King is coming!”**
- Characteristics of the King and His reign – We get to be part of His reign!
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  - Just/Righteous – The LORD our righteousness
    - We will have to deal with His righteousness
      - Justification – we are declared righteous because of Jesus
      - Damnation – we suffer under the wrath of God; the separation from good
  - Having salvation – saved from hell
  - Humble – characterizes us!
  - Speak peace
    - Peace – shalom – peace with God – relational peace
    - To the nations
      - *Application:* We have a unique calling to speak peace and bring the LORD our righteousness to those nations gathered here in Harrisonburg!
    - Contrast between the now – Peace with God – and the not yet – bow of war completely broken
  - Rule from sea to sea
    - What are the ramifications of claiming The King as our King?
      - He has dominion over all of the world and all of our lives