

“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