

## Palm Sunday Seeing the Supremacy of Christ (Matthew 21:1-11)

### Introduction

- **Today is Palm Sunday, which** begins what is called **Holy Week**.
- (The week leading up to **Jesus' Crucifixion** and **Resurrection**).
- **On Palm Sunday** Jesus **Triumphantly** entered Jerusalem.
- **It was five days** before His **Crucifixion** on **Good Friday**.
- **One week** before His **Resurrection** on **Easter Sunday**.
  
- So, for the next two Sundays, we'll be **pausing** our series in **Colossians**,
- **and focusing** on the events of **Holy Week**.
- **But** even though we won't be in Colossians,
- **We'll** still focus on the main theme of **that series**.
  
- Which is – ANYONE – **The Supremacy of Christ**.
- **Supreme means**, the highest, the greatest of all, the utmost, the best of the best.
- To be **supreme** means there is **none greater**... And on that **First Palm Sunday**,
- When **Jesus Triumphantly Entered Jerusalem**, **His Supremacy Was on display**.
  
- And today, it's my hope and prayer that we'll **See His Supremacy, His Greatness, His Glory**.
- And more than see it, we'll **savor** it,
- ***That we'll taste and see that the Lord is not only Good but Supreme!***
  
- Because it's when we **see and savor** the greatness and glory of Christ,
- That **we** are drawn to him, we **come to Him**, **trust** in him, worship him, honor him, glorify him
- and experience his **transforming presence in our lives**.
  
- So would you pray with me that today's **Palm Sunday message** will (for God's Glory and our Good) cause us to see and savor the Supremacy of Christ!
- **Prayer...**
  
- Now to **see Christ's Supremacy** on that **First Palm Sunday**,
- We need to understand **several...**

### Palm Sunday Misconceptions

- When Jesus entered **Jerusalem** to the cheers of the crowd,
- They were certainly seeing his **Supremacy**, but their **sight** was only **partial**.
- **Because** they (as a people) had some **underlying misconceptions** about who Jesus was and exactly what he'd come to do.
- **The word of the crowds were correct when they shouted...**

***<sup>9</sup> ... "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9)***

- **Hosanna** is an **exclamation of Adoration** meaning “**Oh SAVE!**”
- And “**Son of David**” is a reference to the **Messiah**,
- **Messiah** literally means anointed or anointed one.
- **And the OT Scripture** promised that one day God would send an **anointed descendent of King David** to **Deliver/Save** His people and establishing a kingdom that would continue forever.
- That is who the crowd is saying Jesus is.
- **Also**, once Jesus entered Jerusalem, some asked “**Who is this?**”
- And the crowd responded...

***11 ...“This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” (Matthew 21:11)***

- As the people **cheer, shout, wave** palm branches, lay down their coats for **Jesus they are** seeing and declaring his **Supremacy**.
- **Why?** Because they believed **He** is their promised **Messiah...**
- That he is a **Prophet/King** coming to **establish a Kingdom** and to bring **Salvation**.
- Sounds pretty good, seems like they were **right on**.
- However, they had some **underlying misconceptions** about the kind of **Messiah, King and Prophet Jesus** was and the **kind of Kingdom** he would establish.
- They (the Jews of Jesus’s day including his **closest disciples**) believed their **Messiah** would come and restore **the earthly Kingdom of Israel for the Jews**.
- But, as we know,
- Jesus came to establish a **heavenly Kingdom for all who would trust in Him**.
- **Both Jesus and Gentiles...**
- They also had a **misconception** about the **Salvation** Jesus would provide.
- They believed that he would **defeat the Romans** and **save** them from **Roman Rule**.
- **But instead**, Jesus was coming to save them (and US) from **Sin...**
- The Jews of Jesus day didn’t understand that their main problem was not Roman Oppression but their own sinful hearts.
- Now how do we know that the crowds and even the disciples shared this **misconception**.
- Because, among other things, **in only a few short days**, when Jesus was **arrested**,
- and it became clear that He was **not** going to save them from Rome,
- that he was **not** (at least at that time) going to restore **the Kingdom of Israel**.
- All his disciples deserted Him, at least one of His Disciples denied Him.
- And some of the same people who shouted ***Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! On Palm Sunday...***
- Would shout...

***21... “Crucify, crucify him! (Luke 23:21) On Good Friday***

- The crowd and his disciples had an underlying **misconception** about **who** Jesus was...
- They had a limited view of His **Supremacy**.
- They didn’t understand the **Great and Glorious** purpose for His coming.

- And when they found out He wasn't going to do what they expected and wanted,
- **They quickly turned away from Him and some even turned on Him.**
- And before we **rush** to **judgment**.
- Don't we often do the same thing.
- Don't we have **misconceptions** about **Jesus, about God**.
- And don't those **misconceptions** lead to **wrong expectation**.
- And when God doesn't meet those **wrong expectations**.
- Aren't we prone to turn away from Him or even turn against Him?
- **For example...**
- We rightly believe as the **Apostle John Wrote** that **God is love**.
- But our **underlying misconception** is that because **God is Love** he shouldn't allow "**bad/evil things**" happen to us or others.
- And therefore, when "**bad/evil things**" happen – we accuse him and often turn from Him.
- We say or at least think, things like, "How can a God of Love allow..."
- This sickness, this death, this financial problem, this relationship problem.
- This horrible crime, this terrible trauma, this Tragic war
- And the List goes on and on
- And when we accuse God, we reveal our lack of understanding of who He is...
- We show our doubt of **his sovereignty and supremacy**.
- We show that our trust in him is limited by **his willingness** to follow the script we've written.
- If God doesn't behave as I believe he should, as I desire, then I'm out.
- That my friends is utter foolishness...
- Because the Bible teaches that God has a different (Greater) set of priorities than we do.
- If God the creator, chose to follow the script of his creation, he would not be God at all.
- In the book of **Isaiah**, **God** says...

***<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)***

- We don't think or act the way God does; **we don't share His priorities**.
- Our **lower** thoughts and ways tend to prioritize **the earthly and temporal**.
- While God's **higher** (Supreme) thoughts and ways always prioritize **the heavenly and eternal**.
- That doesn't mean God **ignores the earthly and temporal**.
- It means he's **working in the earthly and temporal** for **His heavenly and eternal purposes**.
- And because of that we who live in the earthly and temporal, are wise to **Trust not in ourselves but in Him**.
- **As Solomon the Wise wrote...**

***<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)***

- Wisdom demands our full trust in the LORD.
- Because God's thoughts and ways are higher, better than ours.
- Our thoughts are often filled with **misconceptions** but his never are...
- God sees everything clearly, **exactly as it truly is!**
- So, on **Palm Sunday** as Jesus Enters Jerusalem...
- The disciples and crowds' **lower thoughts** are on the restoration of the earthly Kingdom of Israel and salvation from the **Romans for the Jews**.
- Not bad things at all, **but not what God is planning**.
- Jesus' higher Supreme thoughts are on the establishment of a new eternal heavenly Kingdom and salvation from sin for all who trust in HIM...
- His thoughts are Higher (Supreme), His ways are always better.
- Therefore, the script he's written for **our lives** is far greater than the ones we're writing.
- So, as we turn to **Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday**...
- Knowing what's to come, let us see beyond what the crowd is sees,
- And let us **Savor Jesus' Glorious Supremacy**.
- Allowing God's Word to correct **any misconception** we have about Him.
- So that we might, TODAY no matter who we are or what we have done.
- That we might fully trust in and come to HIM!
- So **first let us...**

### 1. See Jesus as the Supreme God

- Maybe the greatest **misconception/false teaching** about Jesus is that...
- He was merely a good even great man, a moral teacher... but He was not God.
- And despite **C. S. Lewis' brilliant logical, Liar, Lunatic Lord** argument which we will not get into today but is contained in his book Mere Christianity which I recommend to all...
- This **misconception of Jesus being less than God is what** most of the World's Religions and **Christian Cults** share.
- They may (as the crowd on Palm Sunday did) call him a **prophet**...
- But they will not acknowledge **his Supremacy as the one and only God**.
- We've certainly seen this in **our Colossians series**...
- There were **false teachers** in Colossae, proclaiming that Jesus was less than God.
- But in **Colossians 1:19** Paul responds by writing...

***<sup>19</sup> For in [Christ] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, (Colossians 1:19)***

- If you want to see God, look to Jesus Christ where God fully dwells.

- Also, **Jesus** Himself points to **His own Divinity** in a number of places in the gospels.
- Maybe one of the clearest is found in **John chapter 10**...
- The Jews had ask Jesus to tell them if he is the Christ, the Messiah or not.
- And after rebuking them for not recognizing him already, he makes this statement.

***<sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30)***

- And for this the Jews tried to stone him saying,

***<sup>33</sup> ...“It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” (John 10:33)***

- The **NT** again and again proclaims that **Jesus is God**.
- We see this claim reinforce by Jesus’ words and actions on **Palm Sunday**.
- As He draws dear to Jerusalem, he sends two of his disciples into the village of **Bethphage**.
- And in **verses 2 and 3** we read his instructions to them.

***<sup>2</sup> ...“Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. (Matthew 21:2)***

- Jesus ordains or knows **where a donkey and colt** will be at a certain time for a certain purpose.
- By his actions he **reinforces** his divinity.
- Then he **says**...

***<sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” (Matthew 21:3)***

- This title **Lord**, in the rest of the book of **Matthew** is only used to refer to **God**.
- But Jesus uses it to refer to **Himself**.
- The language, is not just “our Master” or “our Teacher” or “our Rabbi” needs them,
- But **“the Lord, God needs them.”**
- By his own words Jesus reinforces his **claim to be God**.
- So, see the supremacy of Jesus Christ...
- As he enters Jerusalem for **the final time**... **He enters not as a good moral teacher**...
- **Not even as a mere Prophet, He enters as the LORD of all Creation... He enters as God**...
- And what that means is,
- Even though the crowd has misconceptions about Him.
- He has no **misconceptions** about what lies before Him.
- He knows the truth.
- He knows what His disciples and the crowd doesn’t.
- They’re welcoming him into Jerusalem...
- They’re hoping he’s coming to restore the Kingdom of Israel and **Save them from Roman Oppression**.
- They’re expecting him to Rise Up and in **Great Power Defeat Their Enemies**...

- But Jesus knows He's just **5 days** away from being crucified by these **same Enemies**.
- The crowd is cheering but Jesus knows that the vast majority of his people will reject him.
- **Luke**, in his account of **the triumphal entry**, gives us **insight** into Jesus' Divine emotions,

***<sup>41</sup> And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, (Luke 19:41)***

- Jesus wept for the people of Jerusalem, who would in less than a week reject him as their Messiah.
- And yet he doesn't hesitate, he continues His journey to the Cross.
- **See the Supremacy of Jesus who is GOD come in Human Flesh....**
- **And see why he came.**
- Not to restore the Kingdom of Israel, Not to Save the Jews from Roman Oppression.
- But to establish a new Heavenly Eternal Kingdom.
- To bring **Salvation** from SIN's dreadful oppression to all who trust in Him.
- And that's our **second point...**

## **2. See Jesus as the Supreme Savior**

- As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he comes to **Save...**
- In **Zechariah 9:9**, which **Matthew Partially Quotes** in **21:5** we read...

***<sup>9</sup> ...Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he... (Zechariah 9:9)***

- This prophesied King is Righteous, sinless, and therefore He alone can be the perfect sacrifice for our Sin.
- He comes Having **salvation**, bringing salvation.
- Based on **OT Scripture** like **Zechariah** and others...
- As we have seen, the Jewish people believed that one day God would send a **Messiah, A Deliverer, A Savior**.
- And on the **first Palm Sunday** we see that many believed that day had come...
- In **Matthew 21 Verses 8-9** we read...

***<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:8-9)***

- **Again**, Hosanna means Save US and **Son of David** points to their **Messianic Deliverer**.
- So, the crowd believed (or hoped) that Jesus was their savior.
- But unfortunately, they thought he was coming to save them from **Roman oppression**.
- No one on that first palm Sunday, not even the disciples, were connecting the dots.
- They didn't understand that this **Messianic Savior King of Zechariah 9...**
- Was also the **suffering servant** of **Isaiah 53...**



- Of the Savior and how he would save... **Isaiah writes...**

***<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)***

- The crowds didn't understand that the Messiah would save His people from their sins by his own suffering...
- Being smitten by God and afflicted.
- By being pierced for our transgressions.
- By being crushed for our iniquities.
- By having our sins laid upon Him.
- The crowds didn't know what was coming... **But Jesus did...**
- He knew he was headed for a **sacrificial death on a Cross.**
- Don't forget, **before Holy Week**, was Holy Week, it was **Passover week.**
- **Jerusalem** was filled with people coming to celebrate God's deliverance of their ancestors from slavery in Egypt,
- They're celebrating that the **angel of death** passed over the homes that had been marked by the blood of a lamb.
- But they don't understand that as they welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.
- They're welcoming one of who **John the Baptist declared...**

***<sup>29</sup>... "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)***

- **See the Supremacy of Jesus who is The Savior.**
- Who by His **Sacrificial Death**, saves all who trust in him from their sin?
- Now before we move to our final point...
- I want us to deal with **two misconceptions about salvation through Jesus Christ...**
- **First**, many people believe that there are **many ways** to be saved.
- That there are many ways to reach **God** or **Heaven** or **Paradise** or **Nirvana** or **Eternal Peace.**
- That all religions are equal and valid, and all **religions** teach basically the same thing.
- That all religions lead basically to the same place...
- A few weeks ago, I took my wife Christina to a **Carrie Underwood Concert** for her birthday.
- And a singer named Jimmy Allen opened for her.
- One of his most popular songs is titled "**Pray**", which seems good, **I like prayer.**
- But the chorus goes like this...

***I've been losing my religion, I've been in and out of faith, What it is and what it isn't  
Well, it's not for me to say, We stand in different churches, We call it different names  
But in the end, we pray***

- Basically, **Jimmy** is saying that your religion, church or faith doesn't make a difference.
- It doesn't even seem to matter who you pray to, as long as you pray.
- As long as you are **looking to** or having faith in something.
- And if that's the case, **if Jimmy is right**, then Jesus is at best just one of many "Gods" to pray to,
- One of many things to have faith in.
- Just one of the **many ways** to be saved.
- But that's not what **the Word of God** teaches...
- In **Luke 19:10** speaking of Himself, Jesus says...

***<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)***

- Jesus (who is God) entered our world on mission **to seek and save the lost**.
- Now think about what that really means.
- Think about what Jesus had to do to **seek and save the lost**...
- The **Apostle Paul** says...

***<sup>5</sup> ...Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)***

- For Jesus to **seek and save the Lost he had to**...Empty himself, set aside His divine power.
- He had to become a servant.
- He the Supreme Creator of All, had to become a human being.
- And then he had to humbled himself by willingly obeying his **Father**...
- **Resulting in His sacrificial death on the cross.**
- A death which involved...
- Being smitten by God and afflicted.
- being pierced for our transgressions.
- being crushed for our iniquities.
- having our sins laid upon Him.
- So, the question is, **why in God's Name** would Jesus do all of this if there was **any other way** for people to be saved.
- Why would he sacrifice so much to **seek and save the lost** if there were many or any other way for the lost to be saved.
- In fact, on **Thursday of Holy Week**...
- The day before He is crucified, In the **Garden of Gethsemane** Jesus **prays**...

***<sup>39</sup> ..."My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)***



- **Father**, if it be possible, if there's any other way to bring salvation to this sinful people...
- Let this cup pass from me.
- I do not desire to be smitten and afflicted, pierced, and crushed.
- I do not want to have the sins of humanity laid upon me...
- But as you will.

- If there was any other way for you and me to be saved.
- Then Jesus would have never gone to the Cross.
- But there was no other way for a sinful people to be saved.
- That's why in **John 14:6**... Jesus says...

***<sup>6</sup> ...“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)***

- **See and Savor the Supremacy of Christ...**
- Who, through great cost to Himself, provides US with the ONE and ONLY WAY to be saved?
- And how do we take advantage of what Christ has provided.
- Well, that brings us to the **Second misconception about Salvation.**
- Many people and really all religions besides **Biblical Christianity** teach that we must (in some way) earn our salvation.
- That we must be good enough for God to save us.
- That our **good works must outweigh out bad.**
- But again, that's not what the word of God teaches...
- As the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in **Ephesus**...

***<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)***

- The salvation that Jesus alone provides is a free Gift of God's amazing grace.
- It's not based on who you are or what you do.
- It's not based on your good works, as if a sinful people can do truly good works.
- It's not something you can earn.
- It's given only to those who put their faith in Jesus Christ.
- It's given only to those who stop trusting in themselves,
- And instead trust fully in sacrificial death of Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for their sins.
- Having faith that your sins have been laid upon Christ.
- That His death is the one and only sufficient sacrifice.
- Because he alone is **the Supreme Glorious Savior.**
- So, we've seen Jesus is the supreme Savior,
- And that there's no other way to be saved but through faith in Christ.

- Now to put our faith in Christ we must see him for who he truly is!
- And that takes us to our final point for today,
- Yes, Jesus is the Supreme God and Savior but we must also...

### 3. See Jesus as the Supreme King

- When we talk about **Jesus' Triumphal entry**, this is the point most often made.
- That Jesus enters **Jerusalem as King**...
- That's what all the cheering and coats and **Hosannas** signify...
- **The People** are welcoming Jesus in Jerusalem as their KING.
- **This is the Jesus public coronation if you will.**
- And Matthew in **verses 4-5**, Quoting part of **Zechariah 9:9**, makes this clear
- He writes,

***<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"** (Matthew 21:4-5)*

- **Zechariah** was prophesying to **God's people** after they'd come back from the **exile**,
- A **remnant of Israelites** came back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and re-establish the city.
- And **Zechariah** is bringing them **encouragement**...
- Because in the history of Israel, they'd endured failed king after failed king after failed king,
- So, **Zechariah** holds out this hope before them,
- Promising a day when God will send **His King** to them.
- **Again, Zechariah 9:9**

***<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)***

- Rejoice greatly! Be very happy! Shout! Your king is coming to you!
- This King is righteous and has (or brings) Salvation...
- And notice, unlike most kings, **he's humble**.
- He is not pushy, he comes mounted on a donkey, a sign of humility.
- He's not coming to **forcefully take over**.
- He's not coming to **lead an uprising**.
- He's not coming to **physically conquer**.
- Instead, as **Zechariah 9:10** says...

***<sup>10</sup> ...he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. (Zechariah 9:10)***

- He speaks **peace to the nations**.
- His kingdom extends to all nations, His rule to all peoples. He's not just the King of the Jews, He is the **King of All Peoples**...

- Now that word **peace** is the **Hebrew Shalom**.
- It includes the ideas of **completeness, safety, welfare, friendship, tranquility**.
- The message of peace the KING Brings is the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ.
- It's a message of peace (shalom) between **God and Man**.
- Since the fall (the sin, the rebellion of Adam and Eve),
- Humanity has not been at peace with God.
- By our sin we show ourselves to be in **continual rebellion against our Creator**.
- That's our natural state, we are born sinners, born separated, in rebellion against God.
- And if the King were to come to make war against a rebellious people, **that would be just**.
- But instead, he comes with an offer of peace.
- Peace that satisfies **His Justice through the sacrificial Death of His Son** (The KING).
- This King freely Gave his Life for his Subjects because he is also the **Savior**.
- And when we trust in Him, we're reconciled to God.
- We enter a relationship with God.
- We have peace, completeness, safety, welfare, friendship and tranquility with God.
- He brings Shalom to the nations... ***His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.***
- He comes with a message of peace,
- But never forget **he's A KING**, He's the Supreme Ruler over ALL!
- That word **Rule** means to have **dominion Authority over**.
- Jesus' message of peace is also a message of surrender to **His Supreme Authority**.
- **Peace only comes to those who fully surrender to the KING!**
- And that brings us to our **final misconception...**
- And this is the one that causes so many "**Christians**" so much trouble.
- We wrongly believe that we can trust in **Jesus as our Savior** but not live for Him as our Lord.
- I just finished reading **Greg Laurie's** book on **the life and faith of Johnny Cash**.
- And this was certainly **Johnny's misconception**.
- He never **doubted that Jesus** was his one and only Savior.
- But he often had difficulty **surrendering** to Jesus' Kingship, his Lordship.
- This led to **drug addiction, adultery, divorce**, and many other destructive things in his life.
- **Johnny** wrongly believed or lived as if he could receive Jesus Christ as Savior.
- And not surrender to Him as our LORD, OR KING.
- And he's certainly not alone in this!
- The church is filled with people who want Jesus to save them from their sins
- but continue living in their sins, living in rebellion against their KING.
- And let me be very clear...
- When you put your faith in Jesus Christ...
- You **must** put your faith in all of Jesus Christ... Not just part of Jesus Christ.

- It's like when you get **married**.
- You're committing yourself to the **entire individual**.
- Pardon me but, you can't just have the physical body.
- You get the mind, the will, the emotions as well.
- **It's an all or nothing proposition.**
- And the same is true when we enter relationship with **Jesus Christ**.
- He is the **bridegroom we are the bride**.
- And we must take all of Him.
- When you trust in Jesus Christ as **Your Savior...**
- You must also **Trust and OBEY** Him as Your God and Your King.
- You must trust Him to **Rule and Reign in Your Life**.
- You must trust Him for all He is, not just the parts you want.
- This is pictured in the **Triumphal Entry**.
- Just as Jesus enter Jerusalem as **both Savior and King**.
- Jesus will only enter our lives as **both Savior and King**.
- Because he cannot be less that He is...
- He's God and He's King and when we receive him as our Savior...
- When we put our trust in Him...
- We are putting our trust in **THE KING of Kings and Lord of Lords....**
- And therefore, being at peace with God means surrendering to His Authority in Your LIFE.
- You become a subject of the KING.
- As Paul makes clear to the **Church in Corinth...**

***<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)***

- When Jesus the Son of God... enters your life
- Yes, Praise the LORD he comes as your savior.
- He saves us from our sin and saves us to and eternal Kingdom in His presence...
- But Praise the LORD he also enters as your KING...
- When he gives us the amazing gift of his Holy Spirit...
- He established His Kingdom in our hearts and minds.
- And he comes to transform who we are...
- No longer serving other KINGS (including and especially ourselves).
- But Serving, Obeying, Trusting and Surrendering to KING JESUS Alone.
- **AMEN!**

- **So today I pray we've seen and savored, at least in part, the Supremacy of Christ.**
- And we've dispelled some common **misconceptions** about Him.
- We've seen that Jesus is not just a good moral teacher.
- But the **Supreme God come in Human Flesh.**
- We've seen that it's not through our works but through trusting in His Sacrificial Death alone that we're Saved.
- **That He Alone is the Supreme Savior.**
- We've seen that He offers Peace (Reconciliation with God) to all who surrender to His Rule.
- That He is the **Supreme King**
- And so, the question is, now that you've seen his supremacy, his greatness and glory...
- Will you come to Him?
- Will you surrender your life to Him?
- Will you put your trust in Him as your God, **Your Savior, and Your KING?**
- **As the ushers and worship team come forward to serve communion, I'd invite you to pray with me now.**
- **Father God.**
- We come into your presence asking you to work in our hearts.
- To draw us to yourself.
- Lord Help us come to you, to trust in you as our Savior and Lord.
- We confess our great need for you....
- We confess our sins and our need for the salvation your sacrificial death provides.
- Thank you for being smitten for our transgressions.
- That our iniquities (sin) were laid upon you.
- We trust in you alone as the one and only Savior.
- And we surrender our lives to you as KING.
- Take control of our lives!
- Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit.
- I pray that by his power, we can overcome the sin in our lives,
- And seek to love and serve you with all our hearts.
- **In Jesus Name I Pray AMEN.**
- If that prayer resonated in your heart,
- if today, you have trusted in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- Then I'd encourage you to let someone at Bridges know, **let me know.**
- We'd love to help you grow in your relationship with God.

- And as we now turn to **the Lord's Table**,
- a time of communion for all who have trusted in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ,
- I would invite all **who believe** to join with us in celebrating his Supremacy.
- Remembering what Christ has done for us.
- **Liam is going to lead us in a song as the elements are distributed.**
- **Song**
- After Jesus Entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, **on Thursday of Holy Week**,
- the Day before his crucifixion,
- He gathered his disciples, **those who believed in him**, for what we call the **Last Supper**.
- And there he instituted the **Lord's Supper (or Communion)**.
- A rite we continue to celebrate as a reminder of who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for us...
- In **Matthew 26** beginning in **verse 26** we read...

***<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." (Matthew 26:26)***

- As we see and savor the supremacy of Christ,
- The one who is God but took on Human Flesh
- The one who allowed that flesh to be Broken, sacrificed for us.
- **Let's partake together...**

***<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:27-28)***

- As we remember that God in Christ, established a new covenant with all who trust in him.
- That by the shedding of his blood, Jesus has saved us from our sins
- and given us new life in His eternal Kingdom.
- **Let us partake together.**

**Closing Prayer...**

Easter Reminder, Breakfast (9:00am) Service (10:00am) Bring a Friend  
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