

**Life Link****Countdown:****Back Ground: For God So Loved****Music Video: All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name****Sermon Video Illustration: (Sermon Central) Son of Man****Title: "What a Day that Will Be"**

1. **Big Idea:** The "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem only lasted for a brief moment in time but it set in to motion events that would change the world forever, It initiated "**A Day of Great Joy**", "**A Day of Triumph** and "**A Day of Expectation**".

**Intro Illustration****Read Sermon Text:**

John 12:12-19

The Triumphal Entry

12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna!

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

The King of Israel!"

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion;

Behold, your King is coming,

Sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

NKJV

**2. A Day of Great Joy**

**John 12:12** The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, NKJV

## Text Illustration: "WAIT THREE DAYS"

On that beautiful Easter Monday morning I noticed the old flower lady sitting in her usual place inside a small archway. At her feet, corsages and boutonnieres were parading on top of a spread-open newspaper. The flower lady was smiling, her wrinkled old face alive with some inner joy, and on impulse I said to her, "My, you look happy this morning!"

"Why not?" she answered. "Everything is good."

She was dressed so shabbily and seemed so very old that I couldn't help saying, "Don't you have any troubles?"

"You can't reach my age and not have troubles," she replied. "Only it's like Jesus and Good Friday. When Jesus was crucified on Good Friday, that was the worst day for the whole world. When I get troubles I remember that, and then I think of what happened only three days later -- Easter and our Lord arising. So when things go wrong, I've learned to wait three days...and somehow everything gets much better." And she smiled good-bye.

But her words still follow me whenever I think I have troubles. "Give God a chance to help...wait three days." (Bobby Scobey-Cornerstone Church)

### a. Jesus Is Coming

- i. The day had finally arrived, Jesus the Son of God, creator of the universe was to be acknowledge as the King of Israel was to enter Jerusalem and the people were to proclaim Him the their King. Not just King but he was to be the deliverer of Israel, or what thought would be to set them free for the bondage of Rome. Just as Moses delivered them from the hand of Pharaoh.
- ii. But history repeats itself the people in a moment in time would sing praises to their King and later reject their King and call for His destruction, His crucifixion just 5 days later.

**Isaiah 44:6** "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

'I am the First and I am the Last;  
Besides Me there is no God. NKJV

**Hosea 3:5** Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days. NKJV

**Zephaniah 3:15** The Lord has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. NKJV

**John 1:49** Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" NKJV

**John 12:15** "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." NKJV

**Revelation 19:16** And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. NKJV

### 3. A Day of Triumph

#### **Text Illustration:** SHOUT OF TRIUMPH

"It is finished.' This shout of triumph rings with all the freshness and force of when He spoke it. The satisfaction He rendered to the justice of God was finished. But next, the Savior meant that the satisfaction which He rendered to the justice of God was finished. The debt was now, to the last penny, all discharged. The atonement and propitiation were made once and for all and forever—by the one offering made in Jesus' body on the Tree. There was the cup, Hell was in it, the Savior drank it—not a sip and then a pause—not a draught and then a ceasing. He drained it till there is not a dreg left for any of His people." (Source: Charles Spurgeon. From a sermon by Chris Jordan, Good Friday - Christ's Words from the Cross, 4/22/2011)

On Palm Sunday the people of Israel acknowledge Jesus as their King but that acknowledgement was only temporary. They would soon call for His crucifixion. The "Triumph" that made an everlasting impact not only on the people of Israel but the whole world would take place just 6 days later as Jesus hanging on the cross. There were no great crowds of people "'Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" (Jn 12:12). There was no one laying down palm branches, there was no recognition of joyous jubilation but only the cries for the death of Jesus.

- a. **" When Jesus paid the price for the disobedience (sin) of the world.** The everlasting "Triumphal Entry" took place at a hill called Golgotha. There were not great throngs of people honoring Him as King for they did not recognize the Son of God as He paid the price for sin.

**John 19:30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. NKJV

**John 17:4** I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. NKJV

**Rom 3:25** whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, NKJV

**Heb 9:11** But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. NKJV

**Heb 12:2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. NKJV

#### 4. A Day of Expectation

- a. There is coming a day, **A Day of Expectation** when the Resurrected Savior will come as a groom coming to claim his bride. A day in which as the bride of Christ (the church) will join in with the heavenly host and we will sing the "song of Moses". Not just a song to honor Him as "King of all the saints" (Rev 15:3 )

**Rev 15:3** They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! NKJV

**Matt 26:64** Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." NKJV

**Rev 1:7** Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. NKJV

**Rev 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. NKJV

**Rev 21:22** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. NKJV

**Rev 22:3** And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. NKJV

**Text Illustration:** [Jesus the Explorer, Citation: D. James Kennedy, "Message from an Empty Tomb," Preaching Today, Tape No. 66.]

For many centuries the men and women in Europe looked out upon the western sea, what we call the Atlantic Ocean, and they saw the sun coruscating upon the glittering surface of the waters and they wondered.

They wondered if there was anything beyond. Scholars said that you could sail off the edge of the world--there was nothing out there at all.

In fact, inscribed on the escutcheons of the coat of arms of the nation of Spain was its national motto, Ne Plus Ultra, meaning, "There is nothing beyond."

One day Columbus went westerly on the shiny waters. He sailed off into the sunset as people waited expectantly, and finally after a long time the sails reappeared and the crowds were exultant.

They shouted with joy, and Columbus announced that there was a land beyond the sea that was rich beyond their dreams. It was a glorious paradise.

For many centuries innumerable people stood beside the dark hole that we call a grave and watched the remains of their loved ones lowered into the earth, and they wondered: Beyond the dark waters of death, is there anything beyond?

Then one day, a young explorer went westering into the setting sun and descended into the blackness of the pit.

He sailed off the edge of the world and crashed into hell.

People waited expectantly.

Finally on this Resurrection morning, as the sun arose in the east, the Son of God stepped forth from a grave and declared, "There is something beyond. There is a paradise beyond your greatest expectations. And there awaits a heavenly Father, waiting with outstretched arms to wipe away every tear from your cheek (Sermon Central)