**April 9, 2017 “Triumphal Entry” John 12:12-19**

**Daniel 9:1-27**

It is my opinion that we oftentimes do not recognize some of the most impactful times in the ministry of Christ. I think the event commonly referred to as the “triumphal entry” is one of those impactful times that we often give a quick nod of acknowledgement to and then go on our merry way without giving this event the credit it is due.

The “triumphal entry” is one the events that is recorded in all 4 Gospels. It is recorded in Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19 and also here in John 12. This makes it one the few events that are recorded in all 4 Gospels. Maybe there is much to learn from this passage concerning the fickleness of people? One day they are shouting “Hosanna” and a few days later are crying for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be crucified. Or perhaps there is something far more important for us to contemplate this morning?

**John 12:12-19**

We know that this event was 5 days before the celebration of the Passover which was a feast to remember the last event in the days of bondage in Egypt when the angel of death visited every first born of those who did not have the blood of the Paschal lamb sprinkled on the doorposts and the lintel of the homes of those who heeded the Word of the Lord spoken through Moses. (**John 12:1; John 12:12**)

Now there were two crowds that are addressed in this chapter. The first is found in **John 12:9-10** and the second is mentioned in **John 12:12**. They all join together and begin to shout “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” They begin to lay down their cloaks for the donkey to walk on and cover the street with palm branches.

Now I want to give you a little Jewish history here. About 100 years earlier a Jewish conqueror named Judas Maccabeus liberated a town or city called Arca from the Romans. When he entered Jerusalem, the people did the same thing for him. They held this great celebration and hailed him as their Messiah; the one who would drive out the hated Gentiles and restore the kingdom of David to the rightful place in Israel.

This is a massive crowd, crushing crowd, a crowd overrunning everything, and they have these palm branches, which are symbols of strength and beauty. Strength because they flourish in a desert; beauty because they are evergreen. They become symbols of joy. They become symbols of enduring salvation.

Jesus gets on the colt and then the next sentence is from **Zechariah 9:9**. But interestingly it is not the full sentence or full verse. Note Zechariah 9: 9… “He is just and endowed with salvation.”

1. Another prophecy fulfilled
   1. **Daniel 9:24-27**
      1. This prophecy is divided into two parts
         1. Three parts to the first
            1. Finish transgression
            2. Make an end to sin
            3. Make atonement for iniquity
         2. Three parts to the second
            1. Bring in everlasting righteousness
            2. Seal up vision and prophecy
            3. Anoint the most holy place
   2. **Daniel 9:24**
      1. 70 weeks of years or 490 years
   3. **Daniel 9:25**
      1. 7 weeks or 49 years
      2. 62 weeks or 434 years
         1. Together they equal 483 years from what?
         2. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem
            1. This decree was given in the year 445 BC by Artaxerxes which was the 20th year of his reign and it was issued in the month of Nisan which we would call “March”
   4. **Daniel 9:26**
      1. After the 62nd week the Messiah would be cut off
         1. He would be killed
      2. Then a prince will rise later on, which is the beginning of the 70th week
         1. This prince is the Anti-Christ
         2. He will establish a covenant with Israel for 7 years
         3. He will betray them
            1. Wars and desolations
   5. Why am I telling you all this?
      1. Many scholars have undertaken the task of laying this all out in a calendar of events
      2. They pinpoint the time that Jesus entered Jerusalem
         1. The 9th of Nisan in the year of 30 A.D.
         2. Which is exactly 483 years to the day of the issuing of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem by Artaxerxes
   6. It is imperative that you and I recognize with amazement the pinpoint accuracy of prophecy within the Word of God
      1. **Luke 19:39-44**
         1. This happened in the year 70 A.D. by Titus
            1. Jerusalem was leveled
            2. Temple burned to the ground
            3. People killed or sold into slavery
      2. Just as Jesus had prophesied… 40 years earlier
2. How does this all apply to us today?
   1. There is going to be another triumphal entry
   2. **Revelation 7:9-17**
      1. Tribulation saints of God
      2. Will hold palm branches in their hands
         1. He will wipe every tear from their eyes

Fear not daughter of Zion… your King is coming… He is just and endowed with salvation

When He entered Jerusalem… He brought forth the salvation of God to everyone who will confess Him as Lord and Savior. Hosanna, Hosanna to Him who comes in the name of the Lord!!!