

Theme: Jesus is true King and Lord – The praise and adoration is deserved. But His kingship is not that of worldly conqueror, a proud military Messiah. It is that of the humble servant of God who comes to reign as the Prince of Peace. He mourns over those who will never know that peace, rejecting both His kingship and His kingdom.

Background: Jumping ahead to the end of Jesus’ journey. Jerusalem at last!

Introduction: Louis XIV, *The Sun King*

I. The King Unveiled

A. Sovereign preparations

1. Fulfilling the scriptures
 - From His birth (to fulfill what was written)
 - In His ministry (Luke 4)

2. About the Father’s business

NOTE: All of Jesus’ life and work was ordained. (Acts 2:22,23)

3. Timing, arrangements
 - In time for the Passover
 - An unriden colt to ride

B. Royal coronation

1. Rising anticipation!
 - Recent healing and miracle
 - The crowds are stirred
2. Jesus’ proclamation!
 - a. Fulfilling the Word! (Zechariah 9:9)
 - b. A *humble* King?
 - A “borrowed” donkey

II. The King Is Hailed!

- ### A. In submission
- Garments
 - Branches (Luke doesn’t mention them)

B. Adoration – the people must give praise!

1. For his “mighty works” (37)
2. Receiving His true honor
 - “Blessed is the King...” (Psalm 118:26)
 - Hosanna = “save” or “save us”
 - “Peace in heaven...” (Luke 2:14)
 - The Messiah has come!
3. To conquer death

C. Rejection - The Pharisees object!

1. Rebuke them
 - Jesus says “No”
 - You must choose!
2. The stones would cry out
 - a. Hearts of stone are silent
 - b. The stones of this city will testify

III. The King’s Travail

A. Mourning

1. Seeing Jerusalem (from the Mt. of Olives)
 - All the landmarks are visible
2. Seeing what is to come

B. Judgment

1. Peace?
2. He wept! Bitterly.
 - A King like no other!

IV. He Will Prevail

A. He is King and Lord!

1. He is not like the kings of this world
 - The world *does* revolve around Him
2. He made Himself nothing (Philippians 2:5)
 - Death was before Him
 - Life was awaiting
3. His rule brings peace! Everlasting!

B. For the saints today

1. Understand faith
 - It is *not* a matter of philosophical or theological propositions
 - It *is* a matter of *living* under His rule
2. Know your King

C. For the Church:

- Ours is more than a ministry of words
- It is “in the world” as Jesus was
- It is undeterred by resistance and rejection

D. A last word

In full submission and faith, join life and voice with all those who proclaim:
“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord”