

Introduction

- What was it called when a Roman leader was allowed to have a procession into Rome after a great victory?
- Was our Lord's triumphal entry like that?
- What question does the triumphal entry make us ask?
- What sort of Messiah were the Jews hoping for?
- What does Matthew 20:25-27 teach us about Jesus' understanding of kingship?

i. An all-knowing king

- How far was it from Jericho to Jerusalem?
- How do you explain the fact that Jesus knows where the donkey and the colt are in v1-3?
- What two things are revealed about the knowledge of Jesus here?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
- Why might it feel intimidating that Jesus is an all-knowing king?
- Why is it delightful that Jesus is an all-knowing king?

ii. A gentle king

- How open had our Lord been about his identity earlier in Matthew (see, for example, Matthew 8:4 and Matthew 16:20)?
- Why is it different in Matthew 21?
- How do we know that our Lord is deliberately making a statement about who he is as he enters Jerusalem (see v4-5)?
- How old was the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9?
- To whom might the fact that Jesus is a gentle king be particularly precious?
 - (i)
 - (ii)

iii. A powerful king

- Only Matthew mentions two animals (see v6-8). Why does that not mean that Mark, Luke and John are inaccurate?
- What does Mark 11:2 tell us about the colt?
- Why does this show us more about the power of Jesus?
- How does that encourage us?

iv. A saving king

- What grips the crowd in v9-11?
- Which psalm do the crowds quote?
- What is this psalm about?
- What does “hosanna” mean?
- What did the Jews want to be saved from?
- What did Jesus actually come to save people from?
- How did he do it?
- Has he saved you?