

April 9th: Palm Sunday: Luke 19: 28-42: Lost Opportunity

You may have noticed.....B/R today was quite long.....included the parable
May perhaps have wondered → What has that do to Palm Sunday ?????

The answer is found in the verse....directly follows.....v28.....

Now there was a time gap between

But the Spirit of God connects them together here.....for both the parable....& Palm..
...refer to Jesus as **KING**.....& lay down the resp of people.....to respond either for or

- **This becomes clear when.....take a closer lookparable of pounds**
For this story....aimed at two diff groups
- **The servants**.....main figures.....& they represent Jesus' disciples....(You and me)
who have been commissioned by our King.....to use gifts.....to extend...**B4 he returns**
- **The other group**.....Are represented.....by the subjects who say **in v14**.....
...and the final judgment upon such.....in the story....was horrific → **v27**.....

The interesting thing about this parable.....something very similar had happened ...in real life.....in Jerusalem

*(When King Herod died....one of his sons Archelaus went to Rome to receive
permission He was not popular and a Jewish delegation went to Rome to dispute his
claim. The Emperor however....still appointed him as king in his father's place)*

Jesus' enemies were now doing exactly the same thing

Saying → We don't want you to be King

Jesus' response.....was to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey

And thus fulfil what the prophet Zechariah.....about the coming King of the Jews =9:9..

Listen to what His followers shoutedv38

The response of enemies.....we find in the very next verse.....v39

Now note what Jesus' reply was.....v40.....

In other words.....I AM KING.....That's the way it is

Nothing you do or say will ever change that

That remark from Jesus was not full of arrogance.....but of sadness

Sadness because the leaders...and so many others in Jerusalem....

Were about to pass up the opportunity to receive Him as their King

Look what happened next...v41-44.....

(Some 40 years later.....what Jesus predicted.....happened exactly as He said

The Jews rebelled....Romans came and laid siege to Jerusalem

They broke into Jerusalem by building huge embankments of earth....

When they entered they were unusually brutal.....

And when they came to the Temple they burned it.....and because the gold flowed....

They removed every brick....to chip off the gold that clung to it)

• **Of course Jesus was not just an earthly King.....**But King of Kings....Lord of
The fact that what He said.....was fulfilled to the letter.....is just another proof of that

• **When He was dragged before Pilate.....**and Pilate asked :: Are you the king of....?
Jesus said=> John 18:36—37.....

There it is again

A choice to be made.....**To accept** the truth.....and own Him as King

Or to reject the fact of His kingship.....and live out your life.....side of Satan

*(There is a story told of a young woman....engaged to Mozart before he came to fame
Impressed by more handsome....became disenchanted with him.....because he was so
short. So she gave him up....tall and attractive.*

*When the world began to praise.....she regretted her decision.
I knew nothing of the greatness of his genius....I only saw him as a little man.)*

We may wonder why the Jews...who knew the Scriptures....failed to see Jesus' true greatness...**Perhaps they just saw him.....**as the carpenter from Nazareth

- **Today in our world**.....many still see Jesus as someone much less than King of As far as their lives....their future is concerned.....He is unimportant...A little man **Yet He alone** has the power to save.....from our present slavery to sin, death, judgment

(Dr Matthews in his book about Mada-gascar, where he was a missionary for 30yrs describes a particular custom

The prisoners were kept in chains.....but had to earn...so they were confined....only at night. On the days however when the Sovereign appeared.....not allowed to leave the prison.

The reason → If one of those criminals managed to hide.....and then to emerge when the Sovereign passed by in all her royal apparel....and stand and salute her...then...whatever his crime his chains were immediately struck off and he was declared to be a free man. For it was a rule that no one who looked upon the Sovereign in all her royal beauty and saluted her, could do so and remain a prisoner)

Have you looked upon Jesus as King.....and asked Him to be your Lord and Saviour ?

If so you have indeed been freed

- **But the meaning of** His Kingship over your life doesn't stop with your Salvation **As in the story Jesus told.....**He has now blessed you with opportunities to serve Him

Friends that do not know Him.....A job in which you can show forth the fruit.... Resources...you can use for Him.....**The ability to draw someone one step closer.....**

He is King.....nothing can ever change that

And one day He will return.....**And** on that day we will not lay palm leaves before

But our lives.....characterized by love and service ...gladly done for Him

He has given us so much.....what joy then to give Him some fruit in return

What will you do this week....to prepare your life.....for your King....when He returns

