



Sermon Notes — Pastor Thomas Keys, SRMBC

The Hope Of Easter VI — I've Got A Reason To Shout (The King Is Here!) Scriptures: Luke 19:28

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INTRODUCTION

Do you remember Michael Jackson – one of greatest entertainer ever? One thing that always amazed me was His Dangerous Concert tour. As the show opens, Jackson would pop – up on the stage, with pyro going off. Then he would stand there on stage crowd would go wild – before he even sang one note...

Michael Jackson also known as the “King of Pop” could only bring joy to people for an hour or so. But beloved, even though we are in difficult times, Jesus, the King of kings is still a source of joy, hope and peace – that the world can't give or take away.

SERMON POINTS

We are continuing in our Sermon Series, The Hope of Easter – from selected Scriptures from The Gospel of Luke. As we are in Luke 19 – Jesus is now preparing for the most important week in human history – where Jesus the King would present Himself as the Lamb of God – giving His life for sinners. Christ is coming to coming to town, riding on a donkey, Coming as a Conquering King in the form of a Compassionate Saviour.

So, on this Palm Sunday, I want to see how we can have an Anticipation of His Coming. See a Demonstration of His Coming so we can join in the Celebration of His Coming and let the world know – that despite what we are going through, “I've got a reason to shout, because The King is Here!!!”

I. The Anticipation Of His Coming (vv. 28 – 30)

- ♦ **Anticipation Thru Preaching/Prophecy** - Jesus proclaims – gives the Word that He is going to Jerusalem to complete His mission. Now, the disciples really didn't understand what Jesus was doing – but they followed anyway. We may not always know or understand what's going on in our lives. However, Jesus has a plan that we can't always see – but it will always fulfill his Word (Gen. 3:15 Zech. 9:9). We can anticipate that God's Will and Word will be done for our good and His glory.

- ♦ **Anticipation With Preparation** – They got ready moving toward the objective. When this virus 1st hit, people got ready (going overboard) buying all toilet paper, towels, hand sanitizer, bread, eggs and milk (We don't even drink milk...) O, that people would anticipate with participation for the coming of the Lord – that He will save. Beloved that's why churches are having service by any means necessary today because we are preparing a throne of praise and thanksgiving that the Lord Jesus would be pleased with. As Bishop TD Jakes is fond of saying about breakthrough and rescue we are going to see Jesus bring – “Get ready, Get Ready, Get Ready...”
- ♦ **Anticipation And Participation** - Jesus personally sent 2 of His disciples to get what was needed for this Celebration. Recently Kirsten and I signed up for Constant Contact – an email messaging program for our church. Since we've been away for our church family we needed a way to let everyone know about our services. So, everyone receives a shout – out that the service/the celebration is going on. O beloved even in these difficult times, God want us to participate with Him in Celebrating His glory and His faithfulness in His Salvation. That's why every Sunday, every day, I can't wait to get my praise on...

II. The Demonstration in His Coming (vv. 31 – 35)

- ♦ **Demonstration Of His Providence** – Jesus tells the disciples exactly what to get (the donkey) where to go to find it. Listen beloved, I want to you to know that Jesus knows what you need – even before you ask. If you've lost a job and don't how you're gonna pay your bills, Jesus knows how and where to get you what you need. But, we've got to listen to His Word and then do what He says and we will see Him demonstrate – just How good He is.
- ♦ **Demonstration Of His Preeminence** - I've said this before – but taking a donkey tied up at your house – is like somebody rolling up in your driveway getting in your car and driving away (The Pastor needs it). But Jesus, is not just anybody – Jesus is the Lord, the Earth is the Lord's – the world and everything in it (Including you)) Here are a couple of points: Everything you need during the Corona virus – Jesus has it. 2) Jesus has need of you. No matter what, seek God first.

- ♦ **Demonstration of His Power** – I remember being in El Paso Texas and getting on a mechanical bull (I was a bit inspired by the spirit of beer) I told the handler to turn up to 7. Needless to say, I didn't stay on very long (I also discovered why cowboys walk so funny). My point is that animals that have never been tamed or ridden will resist and buck when someone tries to ride them. But look at Jesus, because He is the King – the animal does resist His control. Somebody needs to know in this difficult time – God is still in control...

III. The Celebration Of His Coming (vv. 36 – 40)

- ♦ **Celebrate Sacrificially & Joyfully** – The people gave there all in worship to the King entering Jerusalem on a donkey. They shouted with joy and cut down Palm branches, and spreading their clothes on the road (Gucci, Armani...) so the Jesus and the donkey could ride/walk on them. Jesus deserves a sacrifice of praise! He deserves our best praise. My "Hallelujah" belongs to You. And not just the "Hallelujah", but our breath, our mouth, our money and our time belong to You. As the songwriter wrote "You deserve it..."
- ♦ **Celebrate Scripturally & Experientially** – Note that the people did not just arbitrarily praise Jesus, but they praised for what they *experienced/saw/heard* from Him (healing, teaching, saving, providing). They also praised Him *scripturally* – Hosanna (Lord, Save Now), Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord is a quote from Psalm 118:25 – 26). AZ Tozer has this amazing quote: If you want to truly worship the God of the Word, you've know the Word of God. The more we know the Word, the better we see God and are able to see things from God's perspective – that while everyone is worried and panicked the Church is celebrating ... because the King is here!
- ♦ **Celebrate Steadfastly & Personally** – As I said in a previous message, you are not giving God real praise unless somebody complains about it. And here is it the Pharisees – telling Jesus to stop His disciples from Celebrating Him. But Jesus says if they keep quiet – the rocks would cry out. In other words there is nothing that can stop God's creation for celebrating our King – Not a global virus, not stay at home order, not the lockdown of the church, not a economic meltdown – I will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall continually be in my mouth because this thing is personal ...

Almost 40 years after Michael Jackson – the King of Pop, performed his iconic moonwalk for the first time on stage, one fan could get to relive the experience. The custom-made, crystal-covered socks Jackson wore at the legendary "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever" TV special in 1983 have hit the auction block – starting at 100, 000 and were expected to fetch \$1 – 2M (I hope they washed them first).

His glove already sold for \$350,000. His Thriller jacket sold for a whopping 1.8M. The King's goods were sold. There is only one problem. The King is dead. The King is gone. I know a King who is still alive. I know a King who still sits on the throne and His kingdom rules forever and ever. My King's sovereignty rules.

Pastor S.M. Lockridge put this way in his sermon: "That's My King! Do You Know Him?"

- ♦ He's the King of Glory.
- ♦ He's the King of Kings, and He's the Lord of Lords.
- ♦ He's God's Son. He's a sinner's Savior. (That's my King)
- ♦ You can't outlive Him, and you can't live without Him. (That's my King)
- ♦ Death couldn't handle Him, And the grave couldn't hold Him.

Who is the King of Glory – Strong and Mighty, Mighty In Battle- **Jesus is the King** and if you know Him – trust Him, lean on Him and no matter what the situation – Give Jesus all the praise!!!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- ♦ If you been facing uncertainties and troubles in your life how does knowing that Jesus sees all and knows all bring your comfort?
- ♦ How do you feel when you think that Jesus came all the way from Heaven to Earth and to the Cross just to save you? How can you make a sacrifice of praise to Him?
- ♦ Is there any part of your life that you have not submitted to Jesus' reign and rule? Prayerfully commit that area Him today?