

March 28th

Palm Sunday

HOSANNA TO THE KING

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH



Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 194 "The King Is Coming"

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

"The Cup"

Mel Toland

"The Thief"

Mended & the Proclaimers

Narration by Lloyd Freeman

"Crucifixion"

Proclaimers

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

"It Is Finished"

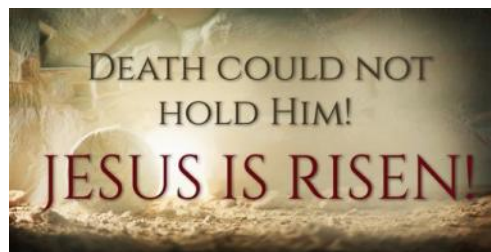
Proclaimers

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



**Easter Sunrise Service
April, 4th @8:00am**

Breakfast following service.

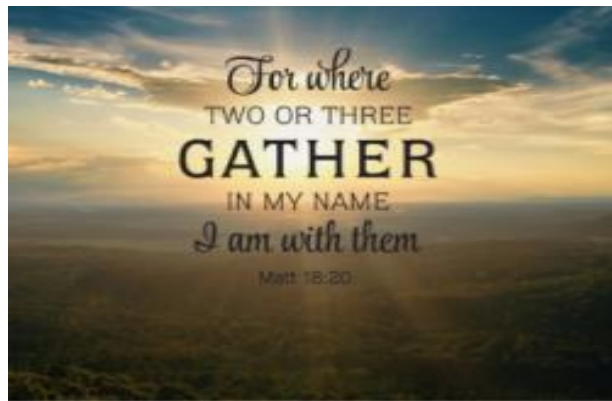
Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

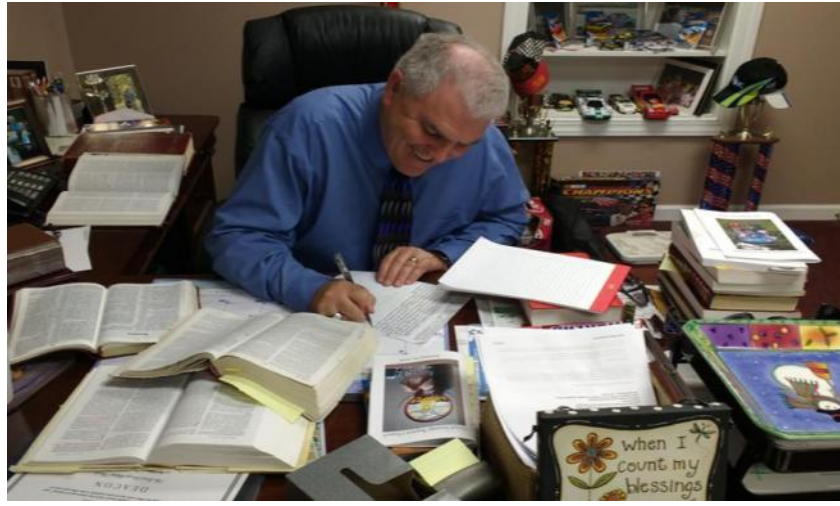
Today:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206





Just Who Is thinking?

(Matt. 21:1-11)

Intro: There is a question that is raised during the triumphal entry of Jesus that begs for our attention. This question was asked, as Matthew put it, by the whole city as He approached the temple area. The answer to the question was given by the large crowd that both lead the way before our Savior and also followed behind Him. This crowd was spreading their cloaks on the road ahead of Him and shouting Praise to Him. They are the ones who answered the question that was asked by the whole city and the question was, "Who is this?" Now, of course, what they were asking was just who was this man that they were shouting praises to, and that was riding on the colt of a donkey?

So, let us notice what their answer was that they gave. "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." (vs. 11). Now, everything they said is correct. His name is Jesus. He did live His growing up years in Nazareth. He also was indeed a prophet, no doubt about it.

However, their answer in no way completely answers the question as to who this man Jesus is. For the Scripture that Matthew used to show what prophecy Jesus had fulfilled on this occasion reveals that Jesus is much more than just a prophet. He also was their King, and as we examine the whole episode we can see what kind of King Jesus is. Knowing what kind of King Jesus is will help us face all the mess we are going through and will go through. So, let us look closely at what I'm calling, Just Who Is This King? I believe that the answer that we will discover today will indeed help us to see the victory that we have in Jesus our King.

I. First, let us notice that just who is this King. He is the King of creation. (vs. 1-7). *In these first few verses, Jesus sends a couple of His disciples to a village close by in order to get a donkey and her colt. He told them that if anyone asked them what they were doing, they were to tell them that the Lord had need of the animals. They did just as Jesus told them to and the animals weren't resistant at all nor any person that asked them what they were doing with the creatures.*

Now many scholars believe that Jesus pre-arranged this event by having someone have the donkeys tied at such and such a place so that His disciples could find them and bring them to Him.

However, I thoroughly don't believe that Jesus pre-arranged it nor needed to because of Who He was, it wasn't necessary for Him to make these pre-arranged because of creation is beholden to Him. He knew where those donkeys would be and knew they would come to Him without any resistance because His Heavenly Father made all the arrangements for Him. Besides it was Him by which these donkeys and all the rest of creation even existed. Because He and He alone is the Creator of all that exists.

Listen to the words of the Apostle John. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:1-3).

Also, listen to the words of the Apostle Paul. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Col. 1:15-17).

Listen when our King is the King of Creation, we don't have to be afraid of all these climate alarmists who have been telling us that our world is doomed if we don't quickly fix everything that we are putting into the air primarily carbon dioxide. Forty years ago, they began telling us that by the computer models, we were going to gloat away from sea rise and that all the polar ice caps would be completely gone and we would be so hot we wouldn't be able to survive the heat. They're telling us that we only have anywhere from 6 to 12 years left to get it right or we were doomed.

Now, listen to me, Jesus Christ our Lord, Savior and King is the King of Creation and not only did He create it all but as Paul told us, He holds it all together. This world is not going to come unglued until He is ready for it to. Now, that day will come, but it will be according to His timing, not ours. The King of Creation will hold it together until it is time to consume it and then He will recreate it. Praise be unto our Lord. So, just remember when you belong to King Jesus you belong to the One who holds it all in His hand.

II. Second, let us notice that just who this King is. He is the King of Scripture. (vs. 4-5). Now all the gospel writers tell us that this event in the life of Jesus was the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy found in the Book of Zechariah. The specific text is Zechariah 9:0.

However, this event is not the only event that Jesus did that was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Actually, practically every event we see in the life of Jesus as He walked on earth were fulfillments of Old Testament prophecy.

Jesus, Himself, helps us to see that the Word of God is all about Him. It was written so that it could point us to and reveal to us the person of Jesus Christ. So, let us hear what Jesus said about this. Jesus was speaking to a couple of His followers following His resurrection. So, how He kept them from recognizing just who He was and then, "He said to them, How foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory? And beginning with Moses and the prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself." (Luke 24:25-27).

Now, a little further down in that same chapter, Jesus is speaking to His disciples and shows them that the things that had happened to Him was the fulfillment of God's Holy Word. "He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms. Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them thus it is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem.'" (Luke 24:44-47).

So, let us search God's Holy Word, for on each page we can see that our Jesus is the King of Scripture and by that a marvelous thing because He has and He will completely fulfill it. So, if you want to be complete yourself, you must come to Jesus Christ our Lord the King of Scriptures.

III. Third, let us notice that just who is this King? He is the King of peace. (vs. 4-5).

Now, although these verses don't specifically say that Jesus is the King of Peace, it very clearly implies it by the very actions of Jesus Himself as well as what the prophecy reveals.

First, the prophecy reveals that Jesus our King would come to us gently. So, in other words, He didn't come to us in a mean spirit or a conquering spirit but rather a humble and gentle one.

Second, the prophecy reveals and it is exactly what Jesus did that He rode on the colt of a donkey which had never been ridden on before. So, the question is why a donkey and not a horse? Whenever a king rode into an area he usually rode a big white horse which signified that he was the conquering king who by his military might had been victorious in battle and now they were his puppets. So, everyone knew that the white horse was a sign of conquest; military might; warrior king.

However, every once in a while a king would ride a donkey into an area and whenever he did they all knew that he had come to offer them peace. So, the donkey was a sign of peace. Thus Jesus came the first time to our world to offer us peace. It is through our Lord Jesus Christ that, we who because of our sins had become the enemies of God, can now through Christ have peace with God.

On a couple of occasions, Paul very specifically reveals the truth. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1).

"For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in Heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. (Col. 1:19-20).

We call the donkey a beast of burden because they have been used throughout history as a means of carrying peoples' heavy burdens around for them. Well, Jesus Christ, by going to the cross, bore our burden of sin on His back and to our punishment for us. Thus, because He took our place, we can through Him now have peace with God.

Now, we need to remember that for now, our Savior is offering peace to those who will place their faith in Him. However, the day is coming when He won't be riding in on a donkey but rather as a conqueror on a white horse to bring wrath not peace to the wicked of the world. So, while you can accept His offer of peace.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that just who is this King? He is the King worthy of praise. (vs. 6-9).

They gave to Jesus respect, honor and praise by attributing the event to the fulfillment of Scripture. They gave Him respect, honor and praise by spreading their cloaks on the animal He rode and on the streets He rode on. Then,

of course, they gave Him respect, honor and praise by the words they were shouting about Him. By all of the actions they were showing that Jesus Christ is the King alone who is to be praised, honored and glorified.

We have throughout history and into the present given respect, honor and praise to many human beings who have done great things. We have also looked to many of them as the ones who are going to come to our rescue.

However, none of them have ever been sinless but Jesus. Also, none of them have ever gone to the old rugged cross and bore our sins for us but Jesus. Also, none of them have ever risen from the dead but Jesus.

So, let us then, therefore, understand that no one but Jesus is worthy of our love, admiration, commitment, respect, honor and praise but Jesus. Let us shout His name to the rooftops so that the world know that no other one is worthy of praise but Jesus.

Concl. So, let me conclude by pointing out from Scripture what I pointed out in one of my points that Jesus will come again and when He does it won't be on a donkey but rather a white horse to signify that He is coming as a conqueror King coming to bring judgment upon all who have rejected Him and have come to fight against Him. Listen to the words of Revelation 19:11-21.

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule them with an iron scepter.' He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, 'Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great.' Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh."

My prayer is that you experience the King of Peace so that you don't have to experience Him as the conquering King.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS *Room 406 Leader- Bobby Smith*
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GLEANERS CLASS *Room 401 Leader-Audrey Roberts*
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VISIONARIES CLASS *Building 3, Old Social Hall*
Leader-Wilbur Daley
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SOJOURNERS CLASS *Room 417 Leader-Mack Pope*
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YOUTH *Youth Annex Leader-Faye Lowther*

Wednesday Night Services

@

7pm

PASTOR'S PRAYER SERVICE *Building 3, Old Social Hall*
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
Multi-Purpose Building Leader-Wilbur Daley

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*
Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors) *Room 417*
Leader-Pat Mason

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) *Room 415*
Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames



Men's Night Out

**Thursday, April 8th
6:30 pm**

*We will meet at Dukes BBQ
in Ridgeland
All men are encouraged to attend*

*Everyone is responsible
to pay for their own meal.*



TONIGHT

Sunday, March 28th

Concessions 6:00 pm

Movie 6:30 pm

Popcorn & Drinks provided

Please bring finger foods to share



**March & April
Collections
Soap & Wash Cloths
Toothbrushes**

*(When you go to the dentist,
ask them if they will donate toothbrushes for
Operation Christmas Child.
Get as many as you can.)*





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WEDNESDAY NIGHT Suppers



**TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

*\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a
family of 4 or more.
NO Meal Deliveries at this
time.*

INFORMATION NEEDED

Due to a computer crash at the end of the 2020 year, many of our membership records were lost. The church office is asking that, even if you have not had any changes, to please fill out the Member Info Sheets on the back wall and turn in to the church office, a deacon or put in offering plate.

We have replaced the old computer and are working on a new system. It is imperative that we get the member info back into our system.

If you know any members who are not currently attending due to the virus situation, please feel free to take an info sheet to them.

Thank You

Share A Need Ministry

The Grandmother's Group has begun a new ministry. If you know anyone who has a particular need that the Grandmother's Group could help minister to, please contact Carol Davis @ 843-226-0258 or let any member of the Grandmother's Group.



Grandmother's Group

*Monday , April 12th
11:00 am, MPB
Bring food for Easter
brunch.
All invited.*

GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership
*President of the
United States of America*

*Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Stephen Roberts
Connie Benton
David Sauls
Bess Parnell
Judy Rogers*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.*

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt
Jennifer Cooler Mazzochi*

Cancer / Treatments

*Sidney
Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Gloria Davis
Gary Malphrus
Skip Brooks
Cynthia Box
Regina Bouye
Kataya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Angela Proctor
Jay Dalton*

Expecting / Births

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Cookie Daley
Jane Gorman
Bobby Tootle
Randy Smoak
Brenda Farve
Andrew Miller
Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Annette Mole
Jerry E. Cooler
Bobby Smith
Keith Gamo
Telie Ethridge
Kenny Smith
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler
Arlette Jones
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Iola Daring
Shelby Green*

Please Continue To Remember

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd
Barbara Mills*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker*

*Gary Way
Frankie Malphrus
Betty Robertson
Kenneth & Doby Cleland
Gloria Tuten*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Isaac Martin Malphrus
Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-CA-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Oklahoma City. OK
Michael Sottile - Deployed
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC*

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Sunday School Director: Mike Davis.....

ABIDE Contemporary Service: Wilbur Daley.....

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School Administrator: Donna Carter.....*dcarter@hargray.com*

Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*



<i>Monday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Barbara Mills</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Donald Migliore</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>31st</i>	<i>Donnie Pinckney</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>April 1st</i>	<i>Rylee Holmes</i>
		<i>Chad Duncan</i>



Easter Sunday

*during
Children's Church*

*Please bring a basket
or
container
for
collecting eggs.*



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Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:15AM
Sunday School..... 9:15AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30AM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM

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