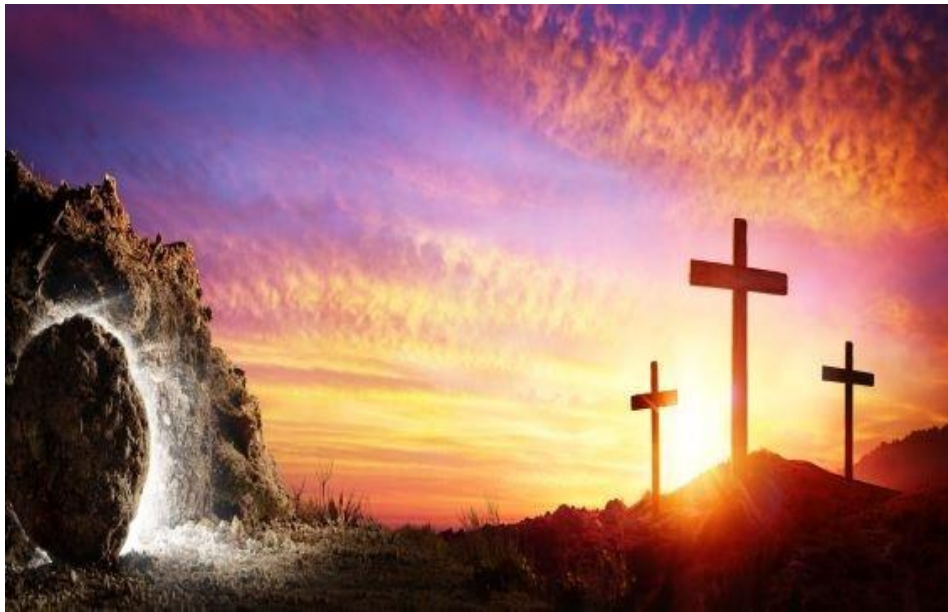


Journeying Toward the Resurrection Matt 21:12-17



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
March 16, 2025*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Sophia & Teresa G.

Next Sunday 03/23:
Sophia & Teresa



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Courtney & Betty

Next Sunday 03/16:
Kim & Richard

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Keith Gamo



Phone: 843-986-8525

**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Lloyd Freeman



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



See Your King

(Matt 21: 1-17; Luke 19: 37-40)

Introduction:

In five more Sundays we will be celebrating the glorious resurrection of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. risen Christ. As we journey toward that celebration I want us to take a look at some of the events in Jesus' life that took place as we approached that turning point of all of human history when He came up out of the grave.

The first of those events that we will begin looking at in this message is the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The question I want to ask us about His triumphal entry is what was the reason for it?

The clear answer from the scripture text that we are examining is to reveal the fact that Jesus is our King. In other words its something like a coronation ceremony for "a King like no other king" as Dr. John MacArthur says.

One of the verses in our current scripture text quoting an Old Testament prophecy says, "Say to Daughter Zion, see, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (21:5)

Drawing from this verse I'm using the three words, "See, your King..." to title my message. For I want us to see just who this King Jesus is.

I. First, in His triumphant entry we see that our King Jesus was determined to accomplish His purpose (vs 1-3)

Now this point comes from the preparation for His triumphal entry. Jesus sent His disciples to go and get a certain donkey and her colt. He told His disciples, that if anyone asked them why they were taking these animals that didn't belong to them that they were to answer because, that the Lord needs them..." (vs 3).

Therefore we need to ask the question why did the Lord need them? He needed them to show us that He was a King who came to accomplish the purpose for which He was destined to do. And the purpose was to march right on into Jerusalem where ultimately His journey would take Him to Golgotha's Hill where as our King He would give His life to save us from our sins.

Oh thank God that we see our King Jesus seated on that donkey marching triumphantly toward His destined purpose of conquering sin and saving our souls.

II. Second, in His triumphant entry we see that our King Jesus was fulfilling scripture prophecy (vs 1-5)

Now when Jesus sent His disciples to go and get a certain donkey along with His colt it does not appear that Jesus had made some kind of pre-arrangement with the owner of the animals. For the owner certainly appears to be surprised by the disciples untying their animals as though he knew nothing about it. But because it was Jesus He was willing to let them take the animals.

However the event had been pre- arranged alright in eternity past by God the Father and then it was prophesied by Zechariah some 500 years earlier in his writings in the Old Testament. So the fact that He didn't pre-arrange it but God the Father had, and that God the Holy Spirit had moved the prophet Zechariah to prophecy about this incident some 500 years earlier, and then Jesus actually carries it out just as it was prophesied is all ample proof that indeed and in fact that Jesus is the King of the Jews; King of the Gentiles; King of the Universe; and King of kings.

Therefore we don't have to sit around and fret whether or not our blessed Lord Jesus is indeed our King. For this fulfillment of this prophecy and so many more wraps up any doubt whatsoever. Then let us have a heart and mind full of faith in the Kingship of Jesus.

III. Third, in His triumphant entry we see that our King Jesus came to bring us peace (vs 5)

In our last point we established the fact that since Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of this verse then we can bank on the fact that He is our King. However Jesus did more than just carry out the prophecy but He also fulfilled the symbolism wrapped up in the prophecy.

The symbolism is discovered in the use of a donkey. For in the past when a king conquered an enemy nation he would make the enemy soldiers that he allowed to live to march in humility behind him or he rode on a white horse through his capitol city.

However if the King in the past worked out a peace treaty with his enemies then he would ride through his capitol city on a donkey as a sign of peace. In the book of Revelations we read that at His second coming Jesus will come riding on a white horse to conquer all of His remaining enemies here on the earth and then set up His glorious kingdom here on earth to reign for 1,000 years. But on this occasion Jesus comes riding on a donkey to reveal that as King in His first coming that He has come to bring peace.

The peace that I'm referring to is the peace that a person can have with God. The Bible is quite clear that because we are sinners then we are the enemies of our God. But Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior came to negotiate our peace with God. The terms of that peace treaty was that Jesus has to go to the cross of Calvary and sacrifice His life on our behalf. By doing so He paid the price required for our forgiveness. He also took our punishment required to satisfy the wrath of God against our sin. As the result it allows that anyone who will trust in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior to be reconciled to God thus to be at peace with Him.

So by riding on a donkey Jesus was not only indicating that, as kings of the past did, to represent peace, but also to indicate that just as a donkey is a beast of burden so Christ came to bear our burden of sin on the cross in our behalf.

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life. Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have received reconciliation." (Rom 5:1, 8-11)

Do you have peace with God? If not cling to King Jesus and let Him give you that peace.

IV. Fourth, in His triumphal entry we see that our King Jesus received praise and was worthy of praise (vs 6-11; 37-40)

For three years now the people of Israel had heard Jesus preach powerful messages. They had seen Him perform great and mighty miracles. They had also seen Him display caring compassion to those that no one else would have anything to do with. Also just a day or two before Jesus' triumphant entry He raises Lazarus from the dead, and He also heals two blind men.

Therefore it's no wonder that as Jesus begins His triumphant entry into Jerusalem that the people began to honor and praise our Lord and Savior in a very bold, open and loud manner. They threw their clothes on the donkey for Jesus to sit on. They then threw their clothes on the ground for the donkey to walk on as well as palm branches. Then they began to shout out the praise of Jesus as the one who had come to save the people. They were so loud that their praise could be heard all over Jerusalem. Which resulted in the entire city wanting to know just who Jesus was.

So Jesus received praise, but the religious leaders of the Jewish people were indignant that Jesus was getting all this praise and asked Jesus to stop His disciples from praising Him. They did this in spite of the fact they knew that Jesus was doing mighty miracles.

However Jesus responds was that if His disciples were to hush up then the stones that were there would cry out in praise because He alone was and is worthy of it. So believers in Jesus let us shout it out just who Jesus is in praise and worship, and then let us pray that others will hear and want to know just who our blessed Jesus is.

Conclusion:

May our blessed Lord help us to live our lives everyday like there is a triumphal entry of Jesus coming our way which will lead us to give Him all the glory, honor and praise that He deserves and is worthy of. And by the way there will soon be His next triumphal entry but it won't be on a donkey but a white horse because He will come to destroy the antichrist and all the wicked armies of the world and establish His glorious earthly kingdom. Are you ready? If not cry out for His peace that He can give you now.

Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee



<i>Monday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Chyleen Mock</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Jane Himes</i>



Showing: **The Forge**
TONIGHT! Sunday, March 16th
Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
Movie starts at 6:45 p.m.

Please bring finger foods for your family
as well as to share with everyone else!
Tea and popcorn will be provided by the church.

Come watch an amazing movie!

SENIOR CELEBRATORS GROUP

30th Anniversary Celebrators Conference

October 13-16 in Pigeon Forge, TN

Please sign up on the back wall if interested in attending
and, if you have questions, please see Timmy Sauls.



**Monday, April 5th at
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 7th at
7:00 p.m.**



Church Happenings

Maye River Baptist Church

♦ *Friday, March 21st:* Movie Night - "**Overcomer**" - Food served (snacks & hot dogs) @ 6:30 pm and movie begins @ 7:00 pm

Port Royal Baptist Church

♦ *Saturday, March 15th @ 4:00 pm:* **Youth Movie Night** - \$10 Fundraiser for 2025 Summer Bible Camp, includes hot dogs, chips, drinks, dessert, popcorn and FUN

♦ *Sunday, March 23rd @ 5:00 pm:* "**Messiah in the Passover**" -- a Chosen People Ministries Experience, complete with Passover Service and Seder Dinner

Red Dam Baptist Church

♦ *Saturday, March 1st:* **2025 Spring Soccer Season** for boys & girls ages 5 to 13, begins March 1st and runs through April 26th (Saturdays only)




Jeremy Camp



**SAVANNAH CONVENTION CENTER
SAVANNAH, GA
MARCH 28 & 29, 2025**

Hosted by Everyday Mission Trip

MEGA REVIVAL EVENT



GREG LAURIE

10,000 PEOPLE EACH NIGHT




EVENT PROGRAM

MEGA MINISTRY EXPOSITION
4:00PM — 6:00PM

JEREMY CAMP WORSHIP
6:00PM — 7:00PM

GREG LAURIE MESSAGE & INVITATION
7:00PM — 8:00PM

JEREMY CAMP WORSHIP CONCLUSION
8:00PM — 8:30PM






MEN'S

Fellowship

Savannah River
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Men's
Multi-Church Fellowship
Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm
Red Dam Baptist Church
488 Red Dam Church Rd.

For more information contact
Wilbur Daley at (843) 305-0110





(formerly Grandmothers Group)

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 7th at
11:30 a.m. in the MPB.

Shellem Cline Concert

Sunday, April 6th

A love offering will be taken up at
the end of the concert.



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Items for March are listed below. You
can also give a monetary donation if you
can't or don't want to shop. We have
750 boxes to fill. Thank you!

-Hats

-Gloves

-Matchbox Cars

-Tennis Balls

-Toothbrushes



Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 per person or
\$15.00 per family of four or more.
No meal deliveries.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served
from 8:30 a.m. to
9:00 a.m.
\$5.00 per person or
\$15.00 per family of
four or more.

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Deacons
Youth Program*

Leadership

*President / Vice President of
the United States of America*

Bereavement

Unspoken

Hospitals

Other Health Needs

*Ralph Lee
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Rachel Mixon
Maria Coles' Brother*

Surgery/Recovery

Cancer/Treatments

*Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 years old
(Leukemia)*

Nursing Centers

*Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe
Tommy & Erma Cooler - Ridgeland Nursing Home
David Sauls - Florence Place Assisted Living
Doby Cleland - Life Care Center of HHI*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Diane Hannah</i>
<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Ann Long</i>
	<i>Donald Malphrus</i>

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed
Matthew Mills - US Marines -
Okinawa, Japan
Jericho Malphrus - Sp. Agent/Air Force -
Pinehurst, NC.
Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC
Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines*

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School Administrator: **Donna Carter**.....dcarter@sfcaweb.org



**Pray for the
North American
Missions
and the Annie
Armstrong
Easter Offering**

Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	\$2,868.00	\$5,172.63	\$-2,304.63
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
Annie Armstrong	\$22.00		\$74.00



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

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