

THE LOWLY KING

Matthew 21:1-11

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is
Truth"
John 17:17

I. Introduction

II. What happened in their preparation for the King?

A. All along the way to Jerusalem, Jesus Christ had reminded His disciples of what lay ahead.

B. Jesus knew He must endure the cross before He would wear the crown. 4-5

Jewish Calendar

(360 days per year)

$(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7)$ years = 483 years

483 years

x 360 days

173,880 days

Gregorian Calendar

(365 days per year)

445 BC to 32AD = 476 years

476 years

x 365 days

173,740 days

+ 116 days in leap years

+ 24 days (Mar. 14 to Apr. 6)

173,880 days

C. How could it happen that this King, who came in such humble surroundings, with no regal robes or royal carriage or mighty army, could bring "peace to the nations"?

D. Let's consider also in the preparation of the King, the people and plan that are being addressed. 1-3, 6

III. What were they expecting of this King who was coming them?

A. It's helpful to try to understand how jam-packed Jerusalem would have been during this Passover period and what the attitude of the people might have been.

B. They were expecting an earthly deliverer.

C. The perception of Jesus was, not one of the Suffering Servant, as explained so often by the prophets (e.g., Isa. 52-53; Ps. 22), but that of a great military king or warrior king.

D. Another perception that the people had of Jesus was that He was worthy of honor.

E. They believed Jesus to be a remarkable prophet. 10-11

IV. Ultimately we must deal with the realities of the King.

A. Right under their noses, the multitude thronging the road into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives failed to grasp the realities of Christ.

B. Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy in the Old Testament.

C. Now it was the time for the Divine disclosure.

D. You see He is Lord and He will rule one day as King of kings.

V. Conclusion