

Palm Sunday And The Peculiar Marks Of The Majesty Of Christ (Matthew 21)

THE MAJESTIC NAME OF YAHWEH IN PSALM 8

- The majesty of God is marked through the weakness of babies to defeat His enemies (V. 1b. -2)
- The majesty of God is marked through the weakness of mankind to rule the universe (v. 3-8)
- All through the Bible, God's majesty is peculiarly marked and established and celebrated through the weakness of mankind: He uses the weak to conquer; He uses the weak to rule. The glory of God's strength is the greater because it is established through human weakness. The glory of God's wisdom is the greater because it is established through human foolishness.

THE MAJESTIC NAME OF JESUS IN MATTHEW 21

- The majesty of Christ is marked by His riding on a lowly and humble donkey (V. 1-5) [Zechariah 9:9] Majestic King = humble = donkey = Psalm 8
- The one on the donkey is the SAVIOR who comes in the NAME of the LORD = Psalm 8:1,9 (V. 9)
- The majesty of Christ is manifested in the temple, driving out the thieves and healing the blind and lame (V.12-13)
- The majesty of Christ is marked through the cry of the children to silence the chief priests and the scribes (foes, enemy, avengers) (v. 15-16)
- Jesus: *"Have you never read..." "If you've been watching... the donkey... Zechariah... the cleansing of the temple... the healing... the common people crying out... the cry from the mouths of babes... Doesn't this remind you of something obvious?"*
- Jesus quotes the Septuagint's translation of Psalm 8:2, *"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?"*
- What is Jesus actually saying when He quotes Psalm 8:2 in response to the children's praise, *"Hosanna to the Son of David!"*?
 1. Breathtaking: *"Psalm 8 is happening, here and now! The enemies are silenced! The children win the day!"*
 2. Jaw dropping: In choosing to go with the Greek version (Septuagint), the praise of the children is to GOD, LORD, YAHWEH, Jesus is saying, *"What the children are saying is about ME. I AM."*

The ultimate meaning of Palm Sunday is the same as Psalm 8. Only now God has another NAME. The Majesty of the LORD has a face and a name, He is among us, flesh and blood, the God-Man, Jesus Christ!

O JESUS, OUR LORD, HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!

"The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Corinthians 1:25).

CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 3/13/16

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
3/9	59	\$ 480		
3/13	389	\$ 24,114	\$ 26,094	\$ - 1,600

Budgeted YTD \$ 965,478 Offerings YTD \$ 1,043,590 \$ + 78,112

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