

25 March 2018: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

Topic: The Triumphant King

Scripture text: Matthew 21:1-16

1. The people of Israel welcomed the Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem with branches of the palm trees (Jn 12:13). Therefore, it is called Palm Sunday. Palms were used to welcome kings when they came back from victory. This was a scene of triumph and marked the start of a series of events that led to His crucifixion and resurrection.

2. The Lord Jesus Christ's triumphant entry had been carefully planned and prepared. It was not an afterthought but a fulfilment of prophecy some 500 years ago (Zech 9:9). The donkey was not sat on before (Mk 11:2) and was specially prepared for this particular purpose.

3. The king usually ride on horse and not donkey, which is a beast of burden to do manual labour. This signified the humility of the Lord Jesus Christ. He came and ministered in humility. He also triumphed in humility through His active and passive obedience. However, the religious leaders at that time were unhappy about this. They and the people would eventually reject Him because they saw Him as a political deliverer.

4. The Lord Jesus Christ came to die and save His people from sin. He will triumph in His mission to deliver His people from their sins. He also went into the temple of God to restore holiness and purity. The money-changers and merchants were taking advantage of the people, making the place of worship and prayer become a place to do business. The Lord Jesus Christ drove them away and healed the blind and the lame. We must receive Him and sing His praise, and not reject Him.