

SERMON NOTES

SON OF GOD - *A Donkey Fit for a King* Pastor Carl Toti
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Matthew 21:1-11 (NLT)

¹ As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them." 4 This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said. 5 "Tell the people" of Israel, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey riding on a donkey's colt." 6 The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. 8 Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Praise God in highest heaven!" 10 The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked. 11 And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

⁹ "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey".



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1) KINGS HAVE POWER

"Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once" (vv. 2-3).

There are two ways in which we submit to Jesus' authority.

- A) Esteeming His Word as his standard over our lives.
- B) We submit to his authority by showing respect for the other godly authority.

2) KINGS PROTECT

"King" is a military idea. In the ancient world, what often made you a king and kept you as king was your army.

3) ESTEEM THE KING

When you live under the rule of a king you know that you have to treat him differently than you would anyone else.

Luke 19:28-40 ESV.

"I tell you, if these [people] were silent, the very stones would cry out"