

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-21 & Zechariah 9:9-10 & Luke 19:28-48
Singing: 405:1, 5-7 – 383:1, 5 – 448:1, 2 – 14:1, 2, 4 – 427:6, 7

Jesus commends you if you are joyful about His coming

I. In His Word, God commands you to rejoice about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

A. Most of you are more familiar with God's commands to weep:

1. Examples: Joel 1:5 & 2:17; Luke 23:28

2. If you weep (mourn) now (over sin), Jesus calls you blessed: Luke 6:21

B. Yet God also commands you to rejoice

1. Examples: Ps. 2:11; 5:11; 32:11; 68:3; 71:23; 100:1-2; Eph 5:19; Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess 5:16; James 5:13; 1 Peter 4:13

2. Joy is a fruit of Spirit (Gal. 6:22) and belongs to the Kingdom (Rom. 14:17)

C. But there is one occasion God singled for joy: Zech 9:9

1. This is not merely a prophecy – it is commanding invitation to rejoice

a. God calls your attention to *WHO* would bring deliverance

b. All Gospel authors described the fulfilment

II. Jesus' coming into Jerusalem is a great reason for you to rejoice

A. Jerusalem (like us) has no good history: Is. 1:21-23; Luke 19:45-46

B. Yet God send His Son as the *Captain (King) of salvation* to bring *reconciliation*

1. All in Jesus proclaims God's message of welcome to return to Him

III. If you rejoice about His coming, then Jesus commends (praises) you

A. The religious leaders were not pleased with this rejoicing: 37-39 (Matt. 21:15)

B. But Jesus in turn rebukes them: vs. 40 (Matt. 21:16)

1. It is appropriate what they sing about Me: vs. 38

2. If you would not sing, God would raise upon another choir: vs. 40

Reflect: Have you joined these singers?



Dear children,

Why do these children have palm leaves? Though you can't see, they are also singing! Singing is beautiful work. Luther said that singing (right songs!) chases the devil away. But good singing of the right songs does more than that. It pleases God. We will learn about that in this sermon.

1. What two Bible books did we listen to?

2. Why does God command us to weep?

3. Right/Wrong: *The Bible has more commands to rejoice than to weep.*

4. Jesus taught His kingdom have 3 specialties: *righteousness (right behavior)* and _____ and _____ *in the Holy Ghost.*

5. How many years before Jesus did Zechariah write his book? _____

6. Jesus came as a King on a young donkey. Why did He not choose a horse?

7. Can you make these wrong sentences correct?

a. Jesus was upset that the children were singing about Him the next day.

b. To sing praises to God each day is not necessary.

8. Write out 5 things you should praise God for today.

9. Write out one new thing you learned from God's Word today.
