

**David and Mindy Nelson**

While our US leadership has not been able to travel for onsite visits over the last year, we have been meeting with the CCI team every month. Over the last five weeks, we have been meeting with country directors and missionaries from India, Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

Please Pray that every meeting will bare fruit.



**Tim and Holly Howden**

Pray that they will soon be fully supported financially.



How strange a contrast to the triumphal entry of ancient warriors and conquerors into the cities which they had taken! This time no wall broken down for entry; this time no garlanded hero standing in his war chariot, driving down the lane of cheering subjects past smoking altars, and followed by captive kings and princes in chains. Instead of that, just a meek and lowly man riding upon the foal of a donkey.

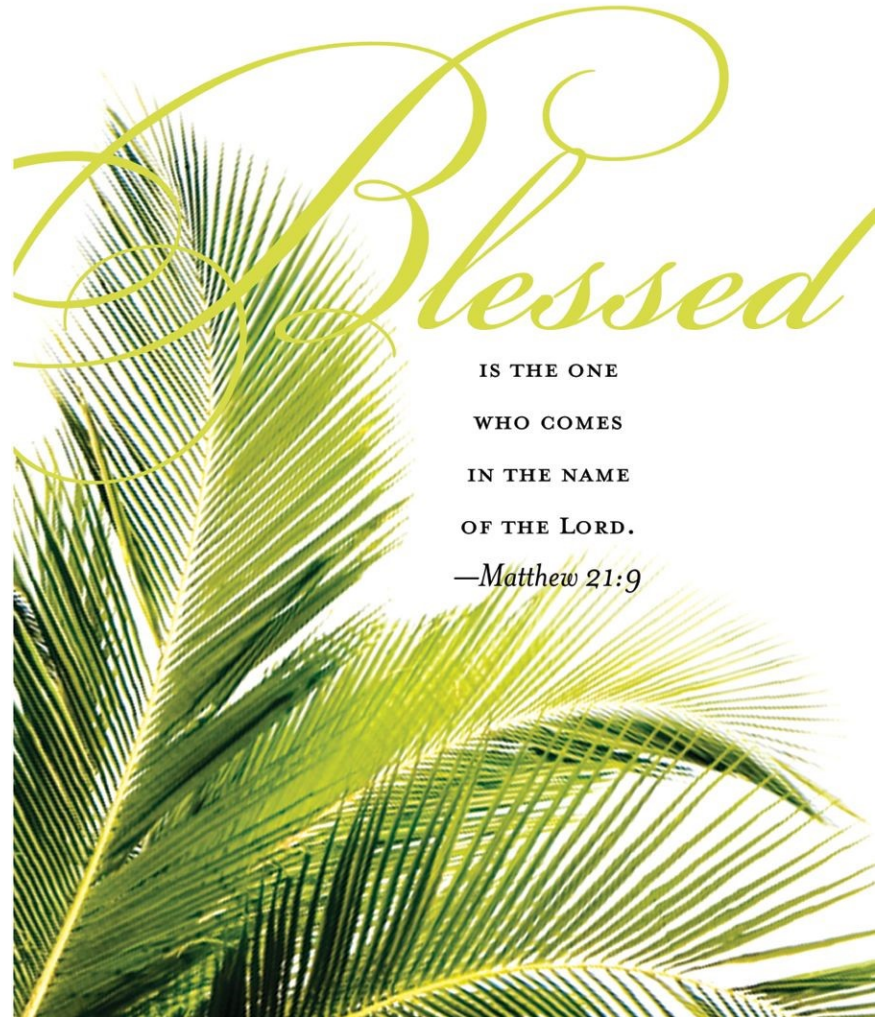
—Clarence Macartney



March 28, 2021

10:30 A.M.

**A King Like No Other**



# Order of Service

## Announcements

## Welcome

## Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

## Call to Worship

## Hymns of Adoration

"Hosanna" . . . . . Baloche/Brown

"You are My King" . . . . . Billy Foote

## Prayer of Invocation

**Affirmation of Faith:** Colossians 1:15-20

## Hymn of Praise

"Shout to the Lord". . . . . Darlene Zschech

## Children are Dismissed to Sunday School

----- God's Renewal-----

## Scripture Warning

## Public Confession

## Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon and Comfort:** Romans 8:31-32

**Song of Renewal:** "Humble King". . . . . Brenton Brown

-----God's Grace-----

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 19:28-44 (ESV)

## Prayer

## The Sermon:

"A King Like No Other"

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## Words of Institution:

**Hymn:** "Lamb of God" . . . . . Twila Paris

## Prayer of Approach

-----God's Blessing-----

## Parting Hymn

Reprise: "Humble King"

## Benediction

### **God's Gracious Provision 3/28/2021**

**Attendance:** 50      **Offering:** \$1985.33

**Feed Pottstown:** \$200.00    **Mercy Ministries:** \$500.00

*Your offering may be placed in the box at the Welcome Table.*

stunned multitude heard the Savior of the world wail over Jerusalem! We must fix this picture in our eyes and hearts, for it will do us great good. This was a new kind of king.<sup>3</sup>

**These events issue a call for decision anew in each generation.**

**The various reactions to Jesus in this passage reflect the range of responses to the question of who Jesus is. The two most prominent responses** come from the disciples and the Jewish leadership—views that cannot be more opposed.<sup>4</sup>

1. The disciples regard Jesus as the Promised King through whom God has been working with great power, as evidenced by the miracles. In him is peace and glory, the presence of the gracious authority from heaven.
2. The leadership, on the other hand, sees the claims as exaggerated, even as something Jesus should not accept (v. 39). The whole narrative structure of the passage challenges us to ask ourselves where we place Jesus: Is he the humble king of peace and glory or not?<sup>5</sup>

### **Is Your life Marked by the King?**

Christ, the new kind of king, shows us how to live. The King came riding a lowly donkey. Therefore, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:5, 6). He came loving our fragmented world, and he wept over it. Those who want to reign in this life will do the same. We celebrate a new kind of king. Because of him we can live a new kind of life!<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Bock, D. L. (1996). *Luke* (p. 492). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

<sup>2</sup>Merrill F. Unger, *Zechariah* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1972), pp. 163, 164.

<sup>3</sup>Hughes, R. K. (1998). *Luke: that you may know the truth* (p. 242). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.

<sup>4</sup>Bock, D. L. (1996). *Luke* (p. 495). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

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**Jesus was unequivocally identifying himself as the Messiah. The choice of the donkey revealed his life and ministry in two ways.**

**First**, it identified him with kings in the royal line of David, and especially with David himself, because the donkey was regarded as a royal animal before and during David's reign. After David, the Hebrew kings and warriors switched to horses, and the donkey was considered unsuited to the dignity of kings.<sup>2</sup> **But Jesus' identification with the emblem and with the specific prophecy was exact and perfectly revelatory of his position.**

**Secondly**, the use of a donkey speaks of Jesus' inner spirit. As Zechariah (who lived long after David) said, Jesus was "gentle and riding on a donkey." This was Christ's intrinsic attitude in life. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:5, 6).

### **The King's March**

Jesus was the center of attention! All eyes were focused on him. All homage was given to him. Not only did the exuberant followers place their clothing on the donkey as a saddle—they flung their garments to the ground as a gesture of reverence and indicating their willingness for him to take everything they had.

Our Lord was in control, and he was making a statement. The donkey he rode prophesied of his position as King and his character as servant—a burden-bearer. The Hallel Psalm repeated on the people's lips, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord," recalled his messianic character. This was his moment—a moment set before the foundations of the world.

### **The Tears of a King**

With the panorama of Jerusalem before his eyes, the Savior began to weep—not with quiet tears as when he wept at the grave of Lazarus, whom he was going to resurrect, but with loud and deep lamentation. There in the middle of the road, with the great city in full view, the

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, March 31** 6:30 P.M. **Young Adults** meet for Bible Study at the Deicherts

**Friday, April 2** 2:00 P.M.  
Coventry-Warwick Ministerium Lenten Service on youtube, Can be viewed any time. The link is on the GCC website. This week's speaker is Pastor Mark Muthler.

**Friday, April 2** 7:00 P.M. **Good Friday Service** at Grace Covenant Church

**Sunday, April 4** 10:30 AM **Easter Sunday Worship Service** at Grace Covenant Church. Breakfast from 9-10 A.M. Invite your friends.

**Thursday, April 8** 7:00 P.M. **Tactics Small Group.** Location to be determined by what is most central to all attending. Please purchase the workbook, not the book. Author Gregory Koukl (available through Amazon)

**Saturday, April 10** 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
**JOY Builders Women's Ministry Event** at Berean Bible Church "All In! ... Women for the Kingdom 2021"  
Cost: \$5.00 includes lunch

**Sunday, April 18** 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer  
**GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults**  
1300 High Street, Pottstown, PA

**Friday, April 23** 7:00 P.M. **Sanctity of Life Concert** presented by Genesis Women's Clinic at Berean Bible Church

**Saturday, May 15** 8:00 A.M. **Men's Breakfast** at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb. Bring a friend.

**Saturday, June 5** 6:00 P.M. **Prayer Dinner** at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb. The event will be largely outdoors so if it rains we will use an alternate rain date.

**Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 in the back of the gym.**

## Prayer/Praise. . . . .March 28, 2021

- Praise that Dawn Fleetman is now able to drive without a boot. Pray that she will regain her strength and be able to return to her work.
- Pray for Susan Williams' son, Christopher, and his family. Pray that Christopher will get the help that he needs to be a father again. Susan and Glen have his three children with them currently.
- Pray for a safe procedure for the father of Koreen Mace and Gwen Conrad. He is having his pacemaker replaced on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Please continue to pray for Koreen Mace's brother-in-law, Jim, that God will speak to his heart and for salvation and healing.
- Please continue to pray for healing for Jill Aument's sister, Gail. She is having muscle spasms and is not experiencing any relief from her back procedure.
- Pray for Diane Ziegler, friend of Donna Jenkins, who had her second breast cancer surgery. Pray for healing for Diane and wisdom for her doctors.
- Praise that Donna Jenkins' friend, Debbie Breyer, is now recuperating at home. Pray for continued healing for Debbie.
- Pray for Tracy Spencer, niece of Donna Jenkins. Tracy is 31 weeks pregnant with her first baby, and there are issues with the baby's lungs. Pray for wisdom for her doctors and God's strength for Tracy, Justin, and their baby.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' two grandnephews. The 5-year-old boy broke his elbow, and the 3-year-old boy has a viral infection that caused loss of feeling in his leg. Antibiotics are helping. Please pray for healing for the boys.
- Pray for Ashley, the niece of Lisa Frame's friend, Denise. Ashley was diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer. Pray for wisdom for her treatment team, healing for Ashley, and God's strength and peace for Ashley and her family.
- Please continue to pray for Paul Maloney, brother of Barb Schultz, who is a resident at Pennsburg Manor.
- Pray for Kaci and Tyler Yensan in North Carolina. Pray that their life together will glorify the Lord.
- Pray for Donna Plowfield's son-in-law, David, who is seeking employment in physical therapy in this area.
- Pray for the family of Rhonda Clark. Her sister passed away from cancer, and her father is having a biopsy at the end of March to check for kidney cancer.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker, mother of Renee Schumaker. Justine started chemotherapy this past week.
- Pray for Koreen Mace's friend, Amanda. Pray that God places a Christian counselor in her life to help with emotional issues.
- Pray for Nic Collins, who is leaving for Quito, Ecuador for a mission trip this week. Pray for travel, safety, and no COVID. Praise that God provided all the necessary funds.
- Pray for Jeremiah Mace, who is in a 9-month internship program. Please pray for continued healing for Koreen's family.

## Message

### A King Like No Other

*Luke 19:28–44 (ESV)*

*And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' " <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." <sup>41</sup>And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup>and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."*

### A complex event

The contrast between Jesus' entrance and that of Roman leaders is culturally obvious. In sum, Jesus' entry is a major statement about God's plan and the nature of his kingship. It is a message some rejoice in, others do not understand, and still others emphatically reject.<sup>1</sup>

**How one views these events determines how one relates to God's plan.**