



“The Peace that Christ Brings”

March 28th, 2010 ~ Palm Sunday

In vv.37-40 from Luke 19 we see the only time in recorded scripture where Jesus permits a public demonstration on his behalf. He did so for two reasons:

First, he was fulfilling prophecy and presenting Himself as Israel’s king (Zech. 9:9). How much of this the crowd really understood we cannot tell, even though they responded by quoting their praises from a messianic psalm (Ps. 118:25-26). No doubt many of the Passover pilgrims thought that Jesus would now get rid of the Roman invaders and establish the glorious kingdom of God on earth.

The second reason for this demonstration was to force the Jewish religious leaders to act. They had hoped to arrest Him *after* the Passover (Matt. 26:3-5), but God had ordained that His Son be slain on Passover as the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (Jn 1:29 and 1 Co. 5:7). When they saw this great public celebration, the leaders knew they had to act.

The theme of the celebration was peace, but because the King would be rejected there could be no peace on earth. However, thanks to Christ’s work on the cross, there is “peace with God” as Jesus the King has reconciled us to our Heavenly Father for all eternity.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!