



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

The King We Need April 14, 2019

(Zechariah 9:9-10)

- 9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
 - 10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
1. **Icebreaker:** Think of a person in a leadership position (past or present) that you consider to be a perfect fit to solve the problems of their constituency. What was it about them that made you so certain they were the right person for the job?
 2. By God's inspiration, Zechariah prophesied about the "coming of Israel's King" some 550 years before the first Palm Sunday. List some of the different descriptors of this king that point to the fulfillment being found in Jesus.
 3. In verse 9, the world translated "having salvation" is actually a passive verb, probably better translated, "having been saved" or "having been delivered." Think of the life and ministry of Jesus. In what ways was he unfailingly "delivered" by God?
 4. When the Jews visualized a king coming to help them, they probably envisioned a warrior king who could fight their enemies and restore their earthly power. What parts of Zechariah's description of the coming king do you think would have then confused them?
 5. **Discuss:** In what ways was the king Zechariah prophesied going to be much better than the earthly, conquering, warrior king that the people of Israel were visualizing/hoping for?
 6. **Explain this statement:** Jesus' humility and lowliness became a stumbling block to some in Jesus' day, and can do the same thing in our day.
 7. Give at least three reasons that it was necessary for Jesus to be humble and lowly in order to be our Savior.
 8. What things do people look at to determine whether a person will be a good leader? What does God look at to determine whether a person will be a good leader? (Read 1 Samuel 9:1-2, and 1 Samuel 16 for help).
 9. **Apply:** What truth from this sermon are you able to apply to your daily life? Summarize it in a short sentence or phrase.