

#### The Messiah Concealed

▶ Matt. 16:15-16; 20—And Jesus said to His disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." "Then with strong words He told His followers to tell no one that He was the Christ." Clear revelation of Jesus' Messiah identity, but kept under wraps until Palm Sunday, the Sunday before He was crucified.

#### The Messiah Revealed

Palm Sunday: Culmination of Jesus' True Identity of Israel's Messiah

The Messiah—from the Hebrew word "mashiach" meaning "anointed," the promised king from the house of David who would release Israel from foreign oppression and restore the glories of Israel's golden age Yeshua Hamashiach - Jesus the Messiah/Anointed One

Jesus Christos—from the Greek word "Kristos"—also meaning "anointed one" = Jesus the Anointed One

### **Enacted Prophetic Fulfillment**

- ► Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Passion/Resurrection of the Christ, Israel's Messiah, the Anointed King!
- ► What has been concealed is now revealed to those with eyes to see.

# Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

5 Acts of Prophetic Fulfillment

## Five OT Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus Triumphal Entry

First Prophecy fulfilled by Bethphage: the point of beginning for His triumphal entry ride into Jerusalem—unnamed place positioned in Zech. 14:4,9 where it is prophesied that: "the Lord's feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...And the Lord will be king over all the earth..." -- Jesus's kingship over the entire world would be revealed starting from Bethphage, Jesus started his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, got the donkeys from there, presumably started his journey from there

### Second Prophecy fulfilled by Jesus riding on a donkey

► Fulfills Zech. 9:9—"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you, a just savior, humble, and riding on a donkey; even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

### **Donkey Points!**

- ► The Donkey had never been ridden before— Mark 11:2—"on which no one had ever sat."
- —related to references in the OT that an animal meant for sacred purposes must not have been put to common use before. Examples:
- Numbers 19:2—"a red heifer (a young female cow that has not borne a calf) on which a yoke has never been placed";
- ▶ Deut. 21:3—again, a reference to a "heifer from the herd, one that had never been worked or pulled a yoke"

### Jesus just "took" the donkeys, with owners permission

the fact that Jesus requested this mode of transportation is Jesus claiming His divine right of kings to possess whatever they needed or wanted" "the master/king has need of them"

### He rode a donkey, not a stallion - Prince of Peace

▶ symbolism surrounding riding a donkey—in the ancient world of the Bible, a leader rode on a horse if he was coming to make war, but on a donkey to signify coming in peace.

### 3rd Prophecy fulfilled: the people covered the ground with their garments and with palm fronds.

- ▶ 2 Kings 9:12-13: "Thus says the Lord, 'I have anointed you king over Israel. Then those there each took his garment and placed it under the new king, and blew the trumpet, saying, 'Jehu is king!",
- ▶ 1 Maccabees 13:51—"The Jews entered the citadel with shouts of praise, the waving of palm branches, the playing of musical instruments, and with singing, because a great enemy of Israel had been crushed." foreshadowing the crushing of Satan by Jesus on the Cross and by His resurrection

4<sup>th</sup> Prophecy fulfilled: the crowd shouted out praise at the arrival of their Messiah-King - "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Ps. 118:25-26—"O Lord, save now (hosanna)! We beseech You, send prosperity! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Luke 19:38—"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" "even the stones will cry out"

- --"Hosanna" (means Save Now!
- expecting God's Davidic kingship would be reestablished

## One Final (5th) Fulfilled Prophecy: Jesus' Entrance into Jerusalem Through The East Gate (Doorway) on Palm Sunday

► **Gate** = entranceway; large doorway

▶ 2 Walls, 11 Gates --East Gate was one of 11 that Nehemiah constructed to enter the city when he oversaw the re-building of the city and the temple - Muster, Dung, Water, Valley, Essene, Fountain, Horse, Sheep, Fish, Old, East Gates—only 8 gates remaining into the Old City of Jerusalem, 7 functioning. Inside gate into the Temple area: Gate Called Beautiful

## Prophecy Fulfilled—Jesus Entered Jerusalem Through The East Gate -implied strongly by context of the scriptures:

The East Gate

- --provided the most direct entrance to the original Temple.
- --from the Mount of Olives, a favorite place of prayer for Jesus, He could see the East Gate, and through it on a clear day, He could have seen directly to the Temple.
- --was the city wall gate through which the Messiah would enter

### 2 OT prophecies point to Jesus entering through the East Gate

Ezekiel 43:1-5 prophecy fulfilled by Jesus' entrance through the East Gate—"Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east; and behold, the glory of the Lord of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory...And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east. And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house."

► fulfilled by His glorious first coming through the East Gate on Palm Sunday

# A Bit of History:

Before the second prophecy:

Roman destruction

A Muslim Sultan

Sealing the East Gate to Wall Out The Jewish Messiah

### The Sultan Fulfills Prophecy!

(2) **Ezekiel 44:1-3** - "And He (the Lord) brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east, and it was shut. The Lord said to me, 'This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the Lord God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut."

### The East Gate and Jesus' Second Coming

#### Will His Second Coming Parallel His First?

- ► Acts 1:6-- His disciples were still asking Jesus: "Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel? (v. 6)
- ▶ .10-.12 -- "And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a

Sabbath's journey away (3/5 mi. away)"

#### Coming Back Through The East Gate?

- ► The early Church interpreted the angel's words to mean that Jesus at His Return (Zech. 14:4,9— "In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...And the Lord will be king over all the earth.") will come back down from the Mount of Olives through the East Gate into the Temple "through the gate facing east." And He will once more fill the Temple with God's glory as in Ezek. 43—implying that the Lord Himself would unseal the East Gate and enter Jerusalem again through it!
- ► Taking the Same Route at Both His Advents!

### Messiahship Revealed: The King of kings, and The Lord of lords! - Rev. 1:6

I believe the Lord prophetically decreed the permanent sealing of the East Gate because *Yeshua Hamashiach* entered the city through it as King on Palm Sunday, and only He can enter through it again when He comes again to rule the earth from His seat of power in the re-built temple in Jerusalem."

- Isaiah 33:17—"Your eyes will see the King in His beauty."
- Psalm 118:26--"Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"