

BIBLE STUDY on JOHN (NIV) Part 19

THE STORY OF A LOWLY KING



John 12 v 12 - 16

The Triumphal Entry

12 The next day the great crowd that

had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it as it is written, 15 "Don't be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." 16 At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Jesus Will Return as an Exalted King

The Old Testament prophet had said, ***"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."*** (Zechariah 9 v 9). Yes, the coming of Jesus as a man, as a Saviour, as a servant was clearly foretold by the prophets. More than 300 prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. But three times *more* prophecies that that must *yet* be fulfilled when Jesus returns as the Exalted King to reign on this earth for 1 000 years (Revelation 20 v 4).

"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." (1 Thessalonians 4 v 16, 17)

"This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." (2 Thessalonians 1 v 7b, 8)