

## Philippians 2:9-11

### A Triumphal Entry

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient *to the point of* death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Pray**

I heard about a story this week - **A man was down on his luck. His name was Joe - He'd lost his job, his unemployment had run out, and he could not find a job anywhere.**

One day a friend said, "Hey Joe, I heard there's some sort of job opening at the zoo. Why don't you check it out."

Joe didn't know much about animals but he was desperate.

The zoo director meets Joe at the door with a handshake. He tells Joe the job opening has been filled but there is one job that is still open. **"What is it?" Joe asked.**

**"Well, you see, our Gorilla died recently and he was our most popular attraction.**

We need someone to don a gorilla suit and play gorilla all day. It pays well." **"I can do that," says Joe.**

So he dons the suit the first day. He starts making gorilla noises and swings around a bit on some vines.

**This goes on for a week and Joe gets more and more into his role each day.**

- One day he is posturing and swinging wildly from the vines, putting on a show like no other.

Suddenly, he loses control and sails through the air landing into the lion exhibit next door.

- **Joe is terrified, and freezes.**

**The lion looks at him hungrily and starts stalking closer to Joe.**

Joe backs up against the wall and starts screaming. **"Oh my God, help me."**

**The lion gets right up to him and says, "Shut up stupid, or you'll get us both fired."**

**Last week in our study we focused on V.5-8**  
**The emptying of Jesus –**

A) Jesus left Heaven – He didn't pretend to become a man – He put on flesh and blood

B) Made himself of no reputation – took on flesh

C) He was all man – Fully Man – Fatigue – hunger sorrow – He bled real blood.

1) But he was also Fully God

D) The/an/thropic nature of Christ – Fully God and yet fully man!

E) He made himself a bondservant – obedient to the will and plan of the HIS FATHER

1) That was his emptying -

**Today the Exaltation**

A) Today is traditionally known as Palm Sunday

B) Because when Jesus made his triumphal entry people lined the streets waving palm branches

C) Matthew 21:9 and Mark 11:9 both tell us that the people lined the streets entrance into Jerusalem

1) Waving Palm branches and yelling Hosanna – or SAVE NOW –

D) That is what the people were hoping for – Jesus would come and Save them from Roman oppression

1) But Jesus had something entirely different on his mind – this day

**E) His agenda was spiritual not Political**

1) Rather than liberate from Rome He wanted to set people free from sin.

Jesus **Orchestrated** the whole thing !!!!

A) He picked the time- Beginning of the Passover week

He picked the place Eastern Gate leading into the City

B) He picked THE WAY: - DONKEY

C) The Question is why a Donkey:

1) Fulfill prophecy:

Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

D) This Prophecy WAS given by the Prophet Zechariah over 550 yrs before this event

E) There He prophesied The WAY the Messiah would ride into the city of Jerusalem

1) Declaring Himself to be their King !!! **Lowly riding on a donkey { Humility**

The Roman Soldiers observing this Scene must have been Laughing

A) The Romans were experts at parades & official public events. – **triumphal entries**

B) We call this event "**the Triumphal Entry,**" but no Roman would have used that term.

C) A Roman general had to kill at least 5,000 enemy soldiers to merit a Triumphal entry

1) He would ride into the city on the back of a GREAT WHITE STALLION

D) In tow behind him would be **His Trophies** /the captured King & Soldiers/ Jewels he collected

1) And behind them would be his own Army !!!

E) He was welcomed home with an elaborate & official parade.

The day that Jesus came riding into Jerusalem he was on a donkey not a Stallion / He wasn't displaying the captured enemy

A) For the Battle was ahead of Him!

B) He carried no jewels / wore no royal robes or crown / All of that was ahead of Him

C) In only a few days they **would CRUSH** a crown of thorns on his head –

1) Robe on his blooded back & Rip it off again

D) But this was a "**triumphal entry**" Because Jesus was **going into a battle** that He knew He was going to WIN

E) HE conquers man's greatest enemies- **Power Sin & darkness & SATAN - BROKEN**

Today I want us to contrast this triumphal entry with the one that we read about in Phil 2

A) 40 days after the Resurrection of Jesus, Jesus ascended – returned to Heaven –

B) And Paul gives us some insight into His Return Read again:

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C) We might call this – THE REAL triumphal entry!

D) Jesus resurrection and ascension were capped by his exaltation

1) **he returns to heaven to sit down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, where he now rules - Acts 2:33**

The great message of Christ's exaltation is that he reigns!

A) Now the Scriptures don't contain an account of the moment of his exaltation

B) When the glory that he had with the Father "before the world existed" was restored to him

C) We Can only imagine – but lets do that for a few minutes – today

Note this When Paul says V.9 Therefore God also has highly exalted him Super exalted – Hyper exalted

A) TO LIFT VERY HIGH - "It was over the top" in a good way! - **ALL OUT**

B) This is incomprehensible. It is in a class by itself.

1) Christ received the highest exaltation.

C) Welcome home Party to end all welcome home parties

**Imagine the excitement in Heaven: - Parade? Cheers - Mission accomplished**

A) Father - Well done!!! - Was heaven cheering Well Done - Chanting - Jesus - Jesus

B) Heavenly Fireworks show?

1) Astral explosions? Starbursts?

C) Imagine the Joy - the praise - the rejoicing

D) In Revelation 5:12 We see Heaven singing this song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

**E) Maybe this is when it started**

1) Imagine the praise - imagine the celebration The Father *Super exalted the son*

**Note - He was Given THE Name!**

A) Notice that - He was not given A name - but THE Name

B) The name, definite article. He has given him the name, which is above every name.

**C) THERE are Many names in the bible for Jesus**

- **Immanuel,**
- Wonderful Counselor,
- Prince of Peace, the Almighty,
- **Ancient of Days, the Door,**
- the Chief Shepherd,
- the Good Shepherd,
- **the Great Shepherd,**
- the Word, the Light,
- the Lamb,
- **the Bread of Life,**
- the Rock,
- the Alpha and Omega.

D) Just to name a few

**But what was the name - that Jesus was given by the Father in HIS RETURN TO GLORY ?**

A) Our text gives us the answer and other passages support

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess **that Jesus Christ is Lord, That's the name. Lord.**

A) Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, the Father.

B) Here's what I want you to see. Here's what Paul is saying.

1) God the Father, is calling Jesus Christ the Lord. **This is monumental**

C) This is the event that David is referring to when he writes in Psalm 110:1 - The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

**God declared in Isaiah 42:8, "I am the Lord [Yahweh]; that is my name."**

A) It is no one else's name.

B) Yahweh is the name that trumps all other titles—the awesome covenant name of the God of Israel—

1) "the name that is above every name."

C) Speaking again through Isaiah the prophet -

- I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God - Isaiah 45:5

D) So God is giving Jesus the Supreme divine title as the Lord of all!

**What does the Bible tell us about the name of the Lord - The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe Proverbs 18:10**

A) There is safety in that name - We can run to Him when we are stressed and find refuge

"The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name - Exodus 15:3

B) The Lord fights for His own!

1) He goes to battle on behalf of his Kids

**C)Nothing comes into our lives – that he doesn't allow!**

1)If he allows it – he is doing so to make you stronger  
Better – not bitter – HE IS WARRIOR

Your name, LORD, endures forever, your renown, LORD, through all generations. Psalm 135:13

A)HE is enduring all generations – the same yesterday today and forever

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13 Gospel

B)Salvation in that name – call out today!!!

For the sake of his great name the LORD will not reject his people, because the LORD was pleased to make you his own. 1 Samuel 12:22

**C)HE WANTS TO MAKE YOU – HIS OWN**  
The Bible exhorts us to Praise the name of the Lord

Psalm 30:4 Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise **his holy name.**

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD!  
Praise him, you who serve the LORD. Psalm 135:1

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, Psalm 68:4

Here we are told that one day 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

The contrasts with the previous section we looked at last week are striking...

- **Jesus humbled Himself** - God exalted Him.
- **Jesus sought not a Name for himself** - God gave Him the Name above all others.
- **Jesus bent His knee to serve others** - God decrees every knee shall bow to Him.

**Have you bowed the Knee? Have you confessed?**

A)Have you cried out to Jesus – SAVE NOW  
SAVE ME!!!!!!! Rescue me – all it takes

B)If you wait it will be too late!

**Paul is presenting the divine paradox; that the way up is down.**

A)That a cross precedes a crown.

B)That the road of exaltation by the Father is paved by humble service to others for the Father's glory.

Closing:

**Need Jesus to be a Strong tower – Refuge – Run to Him – seek shelter – His name**

A)All it represents – He has fought for you – He has one for You.

B)Need saving today? Quit trying to fix it yourself and call out to his name

1)Jesus help me

C)Jesus doesn't just save from Sin – he continues to save – circumstances – and ourselves – Call out

**Remember – His love is enduring – because His name is enduring –**

A)Rest in His love today!