

A MISSION FROM GOD

A PALM WEEKEND CELEBRATION

The Mission They Wanted

The Messiah

The first prophecy: **Genesis 3:14-15 (NIV)**

Micah 5:2-4 (NIV) “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 2:7-9 (NIV) I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father.”⁸ Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Daniel 7:13-14 (NIV) “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Palm Sunday

John 12:12-16 (NIV) The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival 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 on it, as it is written:¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, Daughter 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 these things had been done to him.

False Missions

1. Jesus: **MIRACLE** Worker

John 12:17-18, Matthew 4:23-25, Mark 3:7-9, John 4:48, John 12:37

2. Jesus: **POLITICAL** King

Isaiah 9:7, Micah 5:4, Psalm 2:8, Daniel 7:14, John 18:36, Philippians 2:10

3. Jesus: **RELIGIOUS** Leader

Exodus 20:8-10, Matthew 23:27-28, John 6:60-68, Romans 10:9-10

Matthew 5:17-19 (NIV) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The mission I want Jesus to take on is...

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