

# *A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY*

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***Matt 12:14-15** – 14...the Pharisees ... conspired against Him, [as to] how they might destroy Him. 15 But Jesus, aware of [this,] withdrew from there...*

***John 7:1** - ...He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.*

***John 8:59** – ...but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.*

***John 11:54** - ...Jesus no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness...*

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## I. THE GATHERING PILGRIMS

*12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him...*

William Barclay – the Jews *were looking on Him as the Conqueror. To them it must have been only a matter of time until the trumpets rang out and the call to arms sounded and the Jewish nation swept to its long-delayed victory over Rome and over the world.*

***John 6:14-15** - 14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." 15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him **king**, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.*

*Mark 11:8 - many spread their coats in the road...*

*John 12:13...and [began] to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel."*

From the *Hallel* – *Psalms 113–118*.

*John 12:13* is quoted from *Psa 118:26*.

## II. THE HUMBLE KING

*14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15 "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."*



***Mark 11:1-4** - 1 As they approached Jerusalem...He sent two of His disciples, 2 and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied [there,] on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it [here.] 3 "If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here." 4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it.*

***Zech 9:9** - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout [in triumph,] O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

***Luke 19:41** - When He approached [Jerusalem,] He saw the city and wept over it...*

### III. THE BEWILDERED DISCIPLES

*16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first...*

***Matt 20:18-19** - 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify [Him,] and on the third day He will be raised up."*

***Acts 1:6** - ... "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"*

*16...but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.*

*John 14:26 - ...the Holy Spirit ...will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*

*John 16:13 – ...when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...*

## IV. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS

*17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify [about Him.]*

*18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.*

## V. THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

*19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."*

*John 3:16 – For God so loved the world...*

***Matt 24:14** - This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the **whole world** as a testimony to all the nations...*

***Matt 28:19** - Go therefore and make disciples of **all the nations**...*

***Acts 1:8** - ...you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the **remotest part of the earth.**"*





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***Matt 11:29 - Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.***

RICHARD PHILLIPS: *...these words...rebuke us today if we are seeking a militant Savior in Christ. How easy it is for Christians to get so caught up in the so-called culture war – the contest today between policies promoting Christian values and those of pagan unbelief – that we mount a war horse to ride against our sinful neighbors. But the Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on a humble donkey would have His followers likewise minister His truth in loving humility. As Christians face an increasingly hostile secular society, we must resist the temptation to wage war, but instead we must represent the Prince of Peace in His truth and love. As we interact with unbelieving neighbors – including even such flagrant culture-war enemies as abortionists, homosexuals, and evolution proponents – we must reach out to them with the same loving desire for their salvation that drove Jesus into Jerusalem to take up the cross.*

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**#3 – *THE DANGER OF THE BROAD WAY***

***Matt 7:13-14 - 13 Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.***