

## Restored Part 2 by Ps Larry Elliott

### Double

We continue our journey towards the Cross.

Start with the end Zechariah 9:12 NKJV (Explain)

**Zechariah 9:12 NKJV** "Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you."

-  Pinned 500 years BC
-  Last week - Isaiah means Yahweh is Salvation
-  Zechariah means Yahweh Remembers

### Today we celebrate Palm Sunday?

It is spoken of as the Holy Week and it's a time of reflection and reconnection

***We aren't religious about today, but we want to embrace the significance and depth of the relationship and redemption God wants for us.***

**Matthew 21:1 NKJV** "Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

Luke 19:41 Jesus weeps over Jerusalem

**Importance:** - Shows His compassion for the guilty city, and His strong sense of the evils that were about to come upon it and His desire to protect it:

**He weeps (intercession & intervention) for:**

- Lost Privileges
- Lost Opportunity
- Lost Souls

**Matthew 21:2-4 NKJV** saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

 **Important to Note :**

- Know the Word
- He understood the moment He was entering
- He listened to the Inward Witness of the Holy Spirit  
(Jesus operated in the gifts of the Spirit)



## What is its Significance?

- It teaches and reminds us of the deep love of God for US.
- His desire for relationship and what He was willing to pay for us to be RESTORED
- Jesus began His journey towards the cross and the redemption of Mankind

**Matthew 21:5 NKJV** Saying....“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

Now we start to see why Palm Sunday? And it's Significance...

**Zechariah 9:9-10 NKJV** ““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. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.’”

## Zechariah 9:9

V9 here which is quoted in our text from Matthew, written 700 years later is a definite prediction that the Messiah would be the King of the Jews and Israel.

It clearly refers to the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Fulfilling Biblical Prophecy)

The Colt here is a symbol of Peace; displays and confirms **3 Striking Facts about Jesus:**

1. He is just and righteous
2. He has salvation
3. He is humble

## Zechariah 9:10a

**[...And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem...]**

- Here we have the prophecy of the Messiah's second-coming.
- (Notice in His first He comes riding on a Donkey but in His 2nd coming He comes riding on a HORSE bringing Final liberation to earth and Judgement to satan). (Romans 8 speaks of the earth groaning for the final liberation...)
- The present dispensation of nearly 2,000 years takes place between the predicted happening of **Zechariah 9:9** and that of **Zechariah 9:10**.
- It's incredible that between two verses 2000 years can elapse

## Zechariah 9:10b

**[...cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem...]**

- This refers to the battle of Armageddon when the Antichrist and his hosts will be destroyed



(Zechariah 14:1-15; Isaiah 63:1-6; Joel 2-3; Revelation 19:11-21),

- When Jesus will have dominion over all the earth, and speak peace to all the nations (Zechariah 14:16-21; Isaiah 2:2-4; Isaiah 11:4-12; Isaiah 35:1-8; Isaiah 65:20-25; Luke 1:32-33; Revelation 20:1-10).

### **Zechariah 9:10c**

**[...from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth...]**

- This expresses the idea of Christ's universal dominion (Zechariah 14:9; Psalm 72:8; Daniel 2:44-45; Daniel 7:13-14).

**Matthew 21:6-11 NKJV** So then disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.""

**Picture Jesus 7 days before He is going to die; and knowing how He will die; yet He still walks out His Obedience.**

### **Political Importance:**

Thus Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem initiated His inevitable collision course with both the chief priests and political authorities.

👉 This teaches us:

- The importance of aligning ourselves with God's diary and timetable for our lives.
- While death loomed over Him and Satan was initiating Jesus' downfall, Jesus lived in and enjoyed the moment.

**Zechariah 9:11 NKJV** "As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit."

Again the declaration of Our Everlasting Covenant...

Prisoners spoke of here and next verse (different context)

These Prisoners refers to the unsaved who after the Cross will have the freedom to receive eternal Salvation

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**It's in the "pressing" in the midst of trouble (we feel we are in a WINE-PRESS) when we run to Jesus that the Holy Spirit RUBS us with the Anointing and we can become those new wineskin's that receive HIS NEW WINE...**

### **Stronghold**

- Jesus is our Stronghold in the day of trouble
- He is a FORTRESS to all who TRUST HIM
- Allow Jesus to help us look at what remains and cease grieving over what lost.

### **Prisoner of Hope**

- This is contrasted with the previous verse (prisoners - unsaved), we who are saved have become "prisoners of Hope" that even if we are facing despair, or are in miserable circumstances, we still have HOPE.
- Ref is made to Hosea 2:15 which declares the valley of trouble (Achor) will be renamed the door of HOPE.
- God's Love is relentless and won't let us go, He is working on our RESTORATION.

### **Hope**

- We are ever Hopeful and Expectant that His Grace is made perfect in our weakness
- Could it be that the Lord hides next season's harvest in what we have left?
- Your miracle is never in what you lose - it's in what you have left!
- Jesus is touches with the feelings of our PAIN (He was fully Man and fully God)

### **Restore Double**

- Not strictly *twice the quantity*, but simply of *great abundance & BETTER QUALITY*
- A large amount of blessing far outweighing the misery of previous bondage. (Born Again outweighs everything else)
- We are called as Kings & Priests to serve the purposes of God (this being the highest honour and privilege of this life and eternity)

