

God Save the King!

Psalm 118:25-29 ❖ John 12:12-19

“All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One!
 (“All Glory, Laud and Honor,” Theodulph of Orleans, 820 A.D.)

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The pomp and pageantry of _____ is timeless.

Last June, for the first time in his new reign, Britain’s _____ Charles III, in full dress _____ uniform, rode on a tall, jet-black _____ through the streets of the _____ city London at the annual Sovereign’s birthday parade, which is called the Trooping of the Colour, just as his mother The Queen, his grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather had done before him. Large crowds _____ and waved _____.

Throughout the long history of Israel’s capital city _____, many _____ dressed in full military regalia came through its gates on _____ as mighty conquerors leading powerful _____ and instilling _____ in the Jewish residents.

But the people in Jerusalem on the _____ Palm Sunday had never seen anything like the royal procession of _____ Jesus.

King of Kings

What _____ of King was/is Jesus? Let’s compare and contrast King Jesus with other kings.

A 1,000-year-old gold _____ found in Norway recently depicts _____ holding a Bible and the inscription in Latin: “Jesus Christ, _____ of those who reign.” The reverse side of the coin depicts the Holy Roman Emperors Basil II and Constantine VIII, brothers who ruled together between 977 and 1025 A.D.

In the book of Revelation, John says Jesus is “King _____ kings and Lord of lords” (17:14 and 19:16), because He has absolute and ultimate _____ over all lesser authorities.

The story is told of a young Princess Elizabeth gazing at a painting of _____ on a wall at Buckingham Palace. A courtier asked her if she knew who it was, and she answered, “Yes, He is the One my father says is the _____ King.”

Christians know that those in charge in government are always _____ authorities. Both the corrupt ones and the good ones will ultimately have to _____ to the King of Kings.

In fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9c-10, Jesus came “_____ and riding on the foal of a _____, not a _____-horse to proclaim _____ to the nations.”

Jesus did come as a _____, but not of the Romans, who ruled Israel at that time, but as the conqueror of even greater _____ - the devil, _____ and death.

God Save Us!

King Jesus came to His people in Jerusalem, “righteous and having _____ ... because the _____ of the covenant was with Him” (Zechariah 9:9b, 11).

No wonder the people shouted, “Hosanna!” which means, “God _____ us!” No wonder they waved _____ branches, the traditional Eastern practice of welcoming a King, and shouted, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the _____ of Israel! Hosanna! Save _____!” (John 12:13)

We have neither the _____ nor the _____ to forgive our sins, but King Jesus does! By the time Friday rolled around that week, Jesus would be hanging on a _____, giving His life for our salvation.

Takeaway

“To Thee, before Thy _____, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, _____ melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises - accept the praise _____ bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious _____!”

Jesus _____ the King of Kings. His is your _____ and mine. Have you _____ to His rule in your life?

