Presentation and Passion of the King

Matthew 21-27

Intro: The final week in the life of Jesus Christ is devoted to His Passion. It begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, on what the Church commemorates as Palm Sunday (Matt 21:1-11). This event is followed by Jesus' rejection, crucifixion, and burial (Matt 21:12—27:66). His claims to be the Son of God are validated by His resurrection from the dead, which the Church celebrates on Easter Sunday (Matt 28; Rom 1:3-4).

I. The Presentation of the King: *Palm Sunday* 21:1-17; see Zech 9:9; Ps 118:25-27

- A. Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (21:1-11)
- B. Jesus cleanses the Temple (21:12-17)

II. The Passover of the King 26:26-56

- A. Jesus institutes the Lord's Table (26:26-30; John 13–17; 1 Cor 11)
- B. Jesus' agony in Gethsemane and His arrest (26:31-56; Zech 13:7)

III. The Passion of the King: Jesus' Trials, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial 23:6-25; 27:27-66

- A. Three religious (Jewish) trials of Jesus:
 - 1. Annas (John 18:12-27)
 - 2. Caiaphas (Matt 26:57-75)
 - 3. Sanhedrin (Matt 27:1-10)
- B. Three civil (Roman) trials of Jesus:
 - 1. Pilate (Matt 27:11-26; Luke 23:1-5),
 - 2. Herod (Luke 23:6-12),
 - 3. Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)
- C. The crucifixion of Jesus at 9:00 a.m. (Matt 27:27-44)
- D. The death of Jesus at 3:00 p.m. (Matt 27:45-56)
- E. The burial of Jesus (Matt 27:57-66)

Applications:

- 1. Since Jesus Christ is indeed the Lord and Savior of all people, then all people must acclaim Him to be Savior and call on Him to save them—"Hosanna" in its true sense.
- 2. Since Jesus is God's remedy for the ruin of the race, we must look to Him for our healing.
- 3. There will always be opposition to Jesus Christ our Lord, and criticism of those who serve.



Hosanna—"Lord save now!"
Ps 118:25-27