

Problem: come thou long expected Jesus

Matt 2:1-6

Jesus was long expected but He was not accepted - why? He did not come on their terms

CPT:

the purpose of this entry was to formally present Jesus to Israel as her Savior and Messiah on His terms

They Wanted a King Wearing a Crown of Gold

John 12:12 ¶ The next day the large **crowd** that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

John 12:13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even **the King of Israel!**" (not in Psalm 118)

John 12:14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

John 12:15 ¶ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;

behold, your king is coming,

sitting on a donkey's colt!"

(13) hosanna... - Psalm 118:25-27 (welcomed in the temple - light to shine on us)

in the temple the light shone but they rejected - John 8:12-20->John 12:35-37

He came in the name of the Lord - John 5:43 -but they rejected Him

even the king of Israel -> Jn 19:14-15 (not the kind of king they wanted)

Color this in - Luke 19:41-44 -He wept as He entered

(24-26) one day palm branches will be laid - Rev 7:9

-> and triumphal entry will happen - Rev 19:11-16 (roman triumph)

but not yet

They Missed The King Wearing a Crown of Thorns

John 12:16 ¶ **His disciples did not understand these things** at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that **these things had been written about him** and had been done to him.

John 12:17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.

John 12:18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

John 12:19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

John 12:20 ¶ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.

John 12:21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "**Sir, we wish to see Jesus.**"

John 12:22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, "**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but **if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

John 12:25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12:26 **If anyone serves me, he must follow me;** and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

(23) the hour has come - Jn 2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 12:27; 13:1; 17:1

John 1:29; -behold the lamb - Jn 12:1-8 -smelling as a man to be buried

(26) Implication: follow me

we are called to follow Him - Luke 9:22-24

He called us to take up our cross not our crown

because -the world may want a crown but it needs a cross

(21) Sir we wish to see Jesus -how do we receive His entry this Christmas

Application: Matthew 1:18-25 - then we must see Him on His terms...

Main Idea:

they wanted a king wearing a crown of gold - they missed The King wearing a crown of thorns

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Application:

Matthew 1:18-25 -how do we receive His entry this Christmas?

People will choose to see a Jesus born in sin and shame.

Or they will choose to see a Jesus born to a supernatural mother.

Either of these choices is less scandalous than seeing a normal sinful teenager became pregnant with God.

This is accepting Jesus on His own terms. And Joseph is the first person to do that.

if we want to see Jesus this Christmas we must see the thorns not the gold:

(This is from a sermon about the incarnation by Augustine)

Man's maker was made man,

that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger,

the Fountain thirst,

the Light sleep,

the Way be tired on its journey;

that the Truth might be accused of false witness,

the Teacher be beaten with whips,

the Foundation be suspended on wood;

that Strength might grow weak;

that the Healer might be wounded;

that Life might die.

Augustine of Hippo (Sermons 191.1))

if we want to see Jesus - we must see Him the way He is presented - on His terms

are you willing to see man's maker, made into a man?

are you willing to see the ruler of the stars nursing at a teenage breast?

are you willing to see...

the Bread crying for food?

the Fountain longing to drink?

the Light needing to sleep?

the Way exhorted to follow?

the Truth accused of lying?

are you willing to see the Teacher became a whipping boy?

are you willing to see the Foundation of the universe became suspended on a wooded cross?

are you willing to see Strength Himself become weak?

are you willing to see the Healer became wounded?

are you willing to see Life die?

if you are not willing to see the King of kings wear a crown of thorns-

then you will miss seeing Jesus this Christmas

read and discuss the following articles in your group:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/triumphal-entry.html>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/take-up-your-cross.html>

here are sermon notes i put together from Matthew 1:18-25:

<http://files.parsetfss.com/f53c0f89-4ec3-43bc-be75-6c0c489d261e/ffss-31379819-da46-4b08-ad01-6d3e85bdb37c-notes>