**“Welcome In Lord”**

Resurrection Sunday is fast approaching. It is a day of Celebration for the people who have accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior. It is the day he rose from the grave. Securing for the saints their justification to eternal life. However, one has to welcome the Lord into their hearts before their names can be written in the Lambs Book of Life and the gift of salvation bestowed upon them. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV) says this,** 9 “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.

**Call To Worship: Psalm 100:4 (NKJV) says this,** “4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

**John 12:1-50 (NKJV) says this,** **“12 Then, six days before the Passover,** Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. **3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.** 4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, 5 “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was **a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.7 But Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.**

In Mary’s eyes and mine as well. King Jesus was worth anointing with the costly oil of spikenard. However, one disciple Judas Iscariot didn’t see it that way and complained. Not for the sake of the poor folk but the lining of his own pockets because he was a thief. Many folk in our generation claim to be down for the will of God but have ulterior motives that our selfish and about themselves. Amen!

8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.” 9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also **see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.**

Instead of the chief priests being prepared to receive King Jesus. They were plotting how to put Lazarus to death because Jesus had raised him from the dead. This miracle caused many Jews to turn from following the chief priest to following Jesus. As a result, they figured if we kill Lazarus then the people will follow us again. What twisted thinking these men were under. However, many folk of our generation will not receive King Jesus and plot on those whom Jesus has saved to their own detriment. Amen!

**12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast (The Passover Feast), when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ The King of Israel!”** 14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

The Lord was fulfilling prophecy written in Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV). Therefore, let us not fear but rejoice and affirm that our King has come and gone but will come again. Thus fulfilling his promise to all who wait on him. Amen!

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

We ought to be continual witnesses to others concerning the things that the Lord has done in our lives and others lives. Thereby, honoring his love for us and others. Amen!

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!” 20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

When the saints show up to honor Jesus wherever and to whomever. The unbelievers can accomplish nothing. Therefore, remember to always lift up the name of Jesus in the presence of unbelievers. Letting them know who you with because somebody is looking for Jesus. Amen!

23 But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

For those of us who have welcomed the Lord into our hearts. If you didn’t know why the God the Father honors you it because we serve and follow God the Son. Vice or versa, if you will not welcome the Lord into your heart. Then God the Father will not honor you because you refuse to accept, serve, and follow the Lord. Amen!

27 “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.” 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” 30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

Everything that God the Fathers does for mankind is because of his great love for mankind. Therefore, acknowledge whatever God the Father, through God the Son is trying to accomplish in your life for his glory and your blessing. Amen!

**31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.** 34 The people answered Him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?” 35 Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

The ruler of this world that Jesus is referring to is Satan. His judgement of being cast out will be accomplished at a specified time. Therefore, don’t listen to his lies and deception but hold on to the truth of God’s word and you will overcome to everlasting life. Amen!

These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. 37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: 40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.” 41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. 42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. 44 Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent, Me. 45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. **50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”**

It is my prayer and hope during this week leading up to Resurrection Sunday. That the saints of God all over the world. Minister to those around them about the Victory that the Lord has won for them through his sacrifice. And that many would turn to the Lord and receive him as their King. Amen!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

Pastor Jimmy