12/13/15 A Different Kind of King

Luke 1: 26-33 26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

* Jesus' birth foretold by angel Gabriel
  + Conceive
  + Son
  + Jesus= God Saves
  + Son of the Most High
  + Lord God will give him the throne of David
  + Reign over the house of Jacob forever
  + kingdom will be no end
* Angel tells Mary you will give birth to THE KING  
  + 14 year old
  + Messiah
* Different Kind of King  
  + Throne of father David
  + Reign forever
  + Kingdom will be no end
  + Israelite looking for a conquering king
    - Under Roman rule
    - Persecuted
    - Foreigners ruling over them
  + David was there definition of king
    - Conquered enemies
    - Violent
    - shed blood
    - Beat foes into submission
  + Jesus was not this kind of king
    - God saves, name given

Zechariah 9:9-13 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having **salvation** is he, **humble** and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak **peace** to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. 11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners **free** from the waterless pit. 12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of **hope**; today I declare that I will restore to you double. 13 For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior’s sword.

5 ways Jesus is a Different Kind of King

1. King of hope
   * Zechariah 9:12
   * 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
   * Hope is what separates Christianity from other world religions  
     + Resurrection  
       - Hard to identify pre resurrection
       - OT
     + See our loved ones that have gone on before us
   * Joyce Meyer writes, ‘Real hope is a constant positive attitude that no matter what is happening currently, things will change for the better.’
   * Jesus fills us with hope.  However bad your current situation, never give up hope.  We are ‘prisoners of hope’ (v.12).
   * Through the Resurrection we have the greatest hope ever
2. Humble King
   * Lion and Lamb
   * Meek and lowly
     + Symbol of donkey
   * “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5  
     + Greek word for meek= praus (prah-ooce')= mild, gentle
     + Refers to a wild animal being tamed
     + Not weakness, but controlled strength
     + Lion of the tribe of Judah
   * Palm Sunday,
     + Zechariah 9:9 fulfilled in Matthew 21:1–5 and Mark 11:1–11
     + Symbol of him being meek
   * Lowly
     + Lamb slain
     + Externally poor
     + Born in a manger
   * But yet he is THE KING
3. King of peace
   * Verse 10
   * Ephesians 2:17 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.
   * For everyone, World Peace
   * Not exactly what the Jewish community was looking for in Jesus' day
   * John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you
4. King of freedom
   * Braveheart
   * Prisoners
     + Isaiah 61:1 and Jesus quotes it in Luke 4:18 referring to himself The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound
   * Freedom from
     + Fear (No longer a slave to fear)
     + Sin
     + Bondage
     + World's standard
   * Blessing
     + Zechariah 9:12 Double portion
     + Whatever has been taken away
     + Some people think that when they accept Christ they have to give up stuff
       - Sin, Fun, etc.
       - God promises to restore double
       - Fun, Money, Blessing, Life
5. King of Salvation
   * Peter quoting the prophet Joel on the day of Pentecost, says in Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’
   * Salvation from what?
     + Enemies
       - Physical/Worldly
         * Bodies
         * Others
       - Spiritual/"The Enemy"
         * Satan, The accuser
         * Thoughts and things
     + Death  
       - We will live forever
       - Nothing will be able to kill us
   * How?
   * Paul in Romans 10:13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
   * Accept Jesus' Lordship of our life
     + That man that was born on the first Christmas
     + Meek and lowly in a manger
     + We have to accept him as our KING, THE KING
   * He saves us

Closing

* This Christmas we celebrate A Different Kind of King
  + King of Hope=Resurrection
  + Humble King= Not weak, but tame and powerful
  + King of Peace= Give you my peace
  + King of Freedom= From Sin and Fear
  + King of Salvation= From Enemies and Death
* Altar Call/Sinners prayer