

## ***The Clop, Clop, Clop of A Donkey (Zechariah 9:9-10)***

Introduction: *Hoof beats in parades & JF Kennedy's funeral procession*

- I. THERE ARE DISTINCTIVE SOUNDS DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON
  - A. There are the sounds of:
    1. Jesus weeping over Jerusalem
    2. Coins clanking as Judas betrays Jesus
    3. A rooster crowing as Peter denies Jesus
    4. Crowds shouting for Jesus' crucifixion
    5. Water dripping as Pilate washes his hands
  - B. Today, on Palm Sunday, the sound is the clop, clop, clop of a donkey
    1. The prophecy is in Zechariah 9:9-10
    2. The fulfilment is in Matthew 21:1-9
- II. THERE ARE DISTINCTIVE SOUNDS OF THOSE IN POWER & AUTHORITY
  - A. Consider *Alexander the Great*, 300 years before Jesus
  - B. Consider the Prophet Zechariah foretelling the coming of the Messiah (Zech. 9)
  - C. Consider Jesus the suffering Messiah & King (Matt. 21:6-9; Mk. 15:1-47)
- III. THE DISTINCTIVE CLOP, CLOP, SOUNDS OF JESUS THE SERVANT KING MAY STILL BE HEARD TODAY
  - A. This sound is easily drowned out by the noises of power & self-importance
  - B. And yet, it is heard in the lives of those who follow Jesus

Conclusion: *Can you hear the 'clop, clop, clop'?*