



SERMON OUTLINE FOR APRIL 13, 2014

“Palm Sunday Hoof Beats”

Zechariah 9:9-10

INTRODUCTION: *The distinctive sound of hoof beats . . .*

I. THERE ARE DISTINCTIVE SOUNDS DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

- A. There are sounds of:
 - 1. Jesus weeping over Jerusalem
 - 2. Coins clanking as Judas betrays Jesus
 - 3. A rooster crossing 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 hoof beats of a donkey
 - 1. The prophecy is in Zechariah 9:9-10
 - 2. The fulfilment is in Matthew 21:1-9; John 12:12-19

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 (Zechariah 9)
- C. Consider Jesus the suffering Messiah & King (Matthew 21:6-9; Mark 15:1-47)

III. THE DISTINCTIVE CLOP, CLOP, HOOF BEAT 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
 - 1. *The boss of a large company & his secretary*
 - 2. *A member of our congregation and her mercy ministry*

CONCLUSION: :

*Can you hear the 'clap, clap, clap' of the **Palm Sunday Hoof beats**?*