Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

II. The ***Sacrifice*** of the **Servant** (11:1-16:20)

A. **His Triumphal Entry** into **Jerusalem** – **Sunday** (11:1-11)

11 As they approached **Jerusalem**, at **Bethphage** and **Bethany**,
near the Mount of Olives, **He** sent ***two*** of **His disciples**,

2 and said to them, "Go into the **village** opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it, you will find a **colt** tied *there*,
on which ***no one*** yet has ever **sat; untie it** and **bring it *here***.

3 If anyone says to you, '***Why*** are you doing this?' you say,
'**The Lord** has need of it'; and **immediately** he will send it **back here**."

4 They went away and found a **colt** tied at the **door,**
outside in the street; and they **untied it.**

5 Some of the **bystanders** were saying to them,
"What are you doing, **untying** the **colt**?"

6 They spoke to them just as **Jesus** had told *them*, and they gave them **permission**.

7 They brought the **colt** to **Jesus** and put **their coats** on it; and **He sat on it.**

8 And many **spread their coats** in the **road**, and others
***spread* leafy branches** which they had cut from the fields.

9 Those who went in front and those who followed were **shouting**:
"Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO **COMES** IN THE **NAME** OF **THE LORD**;

10 **Blessed** *is* the **coming kingdom** of our **father David**; **Hosanna** in the **highest!**"

11 **Jesus entered Jerusalem** *and came* into the **temple;** and after **looking** around
at everything, **He** left for **Bethany** with the **twelve**, since it was already late.

The ***First*** **Coming** of the **Messiah**

A. The **Timeline** of **His *First* Coming**—(Daniel 9:24-26)

Daniel's **70 Weeks Prophecy** (Daniel 9:24-26)

24 "**Seventy weeks** have been **decreed** for **your people** and **your holy city**,

"to ***finish*** **the transgression**,"→ (**Israel's** course of **apostasy, sin**, and **wandering**

will be brought to **completion**) (Luke 2:29-32) (Acts 3:18-20)

"to make an **end of sin**,"→ (To **take away sin**, to bring sin to a **final judgment**, to **"seal up"** and **remove sin** from the **sight** of **God)** (John 1:29) (Romans 8:3)

"to make **atonement** for **iniquity**,"→ (To bring about a **final "covering,"** a **final propitiation** and **purification** from **sin**) (Hebrews 1:3, 9:11-12, 28) (I John 2:2)

"to bring in **everlasting righteousness**,"→ (To establish **God's kingdom** of **Righteousness**) (Isaiah 9:6-7) (Jeremiah 23:5-6) (Romans 14:17)

"to ***seal up*** **vision** and **prophecy**,"→ (To set **God's *seal* of fulfillment** on all the **prophecies** concerning the **Jewish people** and **Jerusalem**)

"and to ***anoint*** the **most holy *place***."→ (The ***anointing*** of the **Holy of Holies** in the **millennial Temple**) (Ezekiel 41-48)

25 So you are to **know** and **discern** *that* from the **issuing** of a **decree**
to **restore** and **rebuild Jerusalem**, until **Messiah the Prince**,
there will be **seven weeks** and **sixty-two weeks**;

(**decree issued→ 7** plus **62** = **69 sevens** or **483 years**)

it will be **built again**, *with* **plaza** and **moat,** even in **times of distress**.

26 Then **after** the **sixty-two weeks**,
the **Messiah** will be **cut off** and ***have nothing***,

and the ***people*** of the ***prince*** who **is to come**
will ***destroy*** the **city** and the **sanctuary**. (Daniel 9:24-26)

Although there is **disagreement**, many **Bible scholars** believe that the **decree** to "**restore** and **rebuild Jerusalem**" (the **starting point** of the **70 weeks**) was issued in **445 B.C**. by the Persian king **Artaxerxes Longimanus**.

If we count **sixty-nine weeks** (**483 years**) from that **point,**
we come to the time period of "**Messiah the Prince;**"
the **life** and **ministry** of **Jesus the Messiah**.
It brings us to the **approximate time** of **Messiah's triumphal entry**
which we read **tonight** (Mark 11:1-11)

After **the Messiah** was **rejected** and **"cut off,"**
He resurrected 3 days later having **accomplished His key mission**,
which was to "make an **end of sin**, make **atonement** for **iniquity**,
and pave the way for a **kingdom** of **everlasting righteousness** (Daniel 9:24)."
The ***seventy weeks*** **prophecy,** given to a **prayerful Daniel** was a **timeline**
for the **redemption** and *complete* **restoration** of **Israel** (Dan. 9:20-24).

Please note that I have not mentioned the **seventieth week** of this **prophecy.**
This is because ***historically***, it has yet to be **fulfilled.**

This is due to **Israel's national rejection** of her **Messiah.**

Many theologians believe that when **Israel**, except for a **remnant,** **rejected** **Messiah's ministry**, and having **delivered Him** to be **crucified—**

"cut off," that this brought about a **postponement** of her ***spiritual*** and ***national*** **restoration**, and the establishment of **her kingdom**. (Matthew 21:42-43) (Acts 1:6-8, 13:45-47)

The ***result*** of this **postponement** is a **"gap"** in **time** between the **sixty-ninth week** and the **seventieth week**.

Further **revelation** in the **New Testament** has declared this **"gap"** to be the **age** of the **"church;"** a *time period* ordained by **God** for the **spreading** of the **"good news"** (**gospel**) of **Messiah's redemptive work**, and the **gift** of **eternal life** to **both *Jews*** and ***Gentiles***. (Acts 1:6-8, 13:46-47)

When **God's purposes** for the **age** of the **church** is complete (Romans 11:25-27), **God** will then bring about the ***fulfillmen***t of the **seventieth week** of **Daniel**, and "**finish** the **transgression**" concerning **Israel;** bringing about her ***final*** **restoration** at the **2nd coming** of the **Messiah** (Romans 11:25-26).

B. The **Temperament** of **His *First* Coming**—Having an **unassuming ministry** as a **servant**, **humble** and **gentle**, yet manifesting **divine authority** and **power**

...**Many** followed **Him**, and **He (Messiah) healed them all**, and ***warned*** them **not** to tell **who He was**. *This was* to **fulfill** what was **spoken** through **Isaiah** the **prophet**:

"BEHOLD, **MY SERVANT** WHOM **I HAVE CHOSEN**;
MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS **WELL-PLEASED**; I WILL PUT **MY SPIRIT** UPON **HIM,**
AND **HE** SHALL **PROCLAIM JUSTICE** TO THE **GENTILES.**
"**HE** WILL **NOT QUARREL**, NOR **CRY OUT**; NOR WILL ANYONE **HEAR HIS VOICE** IN THE **STREETS.**
"A BATTERED REED **HE** WILL **NOT *BREAK OFF***,
AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL **NOT *PUT OUT***,
UNTIL **HE** LEADS **JUSTICE** TO **VICTORY**. (Matthew 12:15-20)

When **they** had approached **Jerusalem** and had come to **Bethphage**, at the Mount of Olives, then **Jesus** sent ***two*** **disciples**,

saying to them, "**Go** into the **village** opposite you, and **immediately** you will find a **donkey** tied *there* and **a colt** with her; **untie** them and **bring them** to **Me**... This took place to **fulfill** what was **spoken** through the **prophet**:

"SAY TO THE **DAUGHTER OF ZION**,
'BEHOLD **YOUR KING** IS **COMING TO YOU**,
GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON **A DONKEY**, EVEN **ON A COLT**,
THE **FOAL** OF A **BEAST OF BURDEN**.'" (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-5)

C. The **Task** of **His *First* Coming**—To accomplish **Redemption** through **His blood** the **forgiveness** of our **sins** and **transgressions** —To provide the **hope of salvation** to all men, **Jews** and **Gentiles**

Behold **your king** is **coming** to you; **He is just** and **endowed** with **salvation**,

humble, and mounted on a **donkey**,
even on **a colt**, the **foa**l of a **donkey** (Zechariah 9:9b)

But **He** was **pierced through** for **our transgressions**,
He was ***crushed*** for **our iniquities**;
The **chastening** for **our well-being** *fell* upon **Him**,
And by **His scourging** we are **healed**. (Isaiah 53:5)

But when the ***fullness* of the time** came,
God sent forth His Son, born of **a woman**, born under **the Law,**
so that **He** might **redeem** those who were under **the Law**,
that we might receive the **adoption as sons**. (Galatians 4:4-5)

For even the **Son of Man** did not come to **be served**, but to **serve**,
and to **give His life** a **ransom** for **many**."(Mark 10:45)

In **Him (Messiah)** we have **redemption** through **His blood**,
the **forgiveness** of our **trespasses,**
according to the **riches** of **His grace**, (Ephesians 1:7)

D. The ***Transitional*** **Events** that **followed** **His *First* Coming**

A. The **inauguration** of a **New Covenant** in **His blood** (Matthew 26:27-28)

B. The **pouring out** of the **Holy Spirit** who **indwells *all* believers** (Acts 1:6-8)

C. The **giving** of the **Great Commission** to **preach** the **gospel** and **make disciples** of **all nations** (Matthew 28:18-20)

D. The **establishment** the **church**, the **body of believers**, consisting of both **Jews** and **Gentiles**—a ***spiritual* kingdom** that would ***precede* Messiah's second coming**, and the establishment of the **Messianic kingdom** (Matthew 16:17-18) (Ephesians 3:2-6) (Romans 11:25) (Ephesians 2:19-22)

E. The **revelation** of the **New Testament scriptures** that would reveal the **"mysteries"** concerning the **events** of this **present age** (II Timothy 3:16-17)