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Some Rejected - Some Received

. . .The Jewish people, for thousands of years, had been looking for a Messiah. At the time of Jesus coming into this world, they wanted a great leader who would overthrow their enemies and bring Israel to its former glory and greatness. His weapons would be mass armies, numerous horsemen, and great armament as in times pass.

. . .They never expected that His (Christ) weapons were not that kind. He would have no army (though He could have legions of Angels at His disposal), and no political power. The death of a king often meant defeat. However, to think that the death of their King (if they had not rejected him) would mean Victory was just plain unthinkable.

. . .While the Jewish nation as a whole rejected Jesus as The Messiah, (John 1:11 - "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not"), there were some who did and were blessed beyond measure to have that fellowship and intimate relationship with their Lord. When those in the city saw Jesus riding a donkey, many probably thought very lightly of it. After all, what king rides on a donkey and not some fancy chariot? Romans who witnessed this did not see Him as a threat to Roman power. Many of the Jews probably wondered why this One who would be King was riding a lowly donkey. Even Christ's own Disciples did not understand the importance of what they were witnessing. However, anyone in the crowd who knew the prophecy of Zechariah when they saw Jesus entering the city on this particular day, would know exactly what was happening, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." (Zech. 9:9.). Jesus presented Himself just as the prophet had said that He would. He came as the King!

. . .While during His crucifixion, there was so much rejection of who He was. We remember the words of Pilate in his response to the chief priests in John 19:21-22, "Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written."

. . .We are told in Matthew 10:40 that, "He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." In speaking to the Apostles, Christ was relating

to the gospel which they were and would be preaching, long after He had ascended back to the Father. Those born again children of God who would hear the blessed gospel and would receive it and believe it for what it was, would be receiving the intimate relationship and fellowship of those who truly believed. In the parable of the sower, (Matthew 13:23), the Lord said, "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

. . .Let us now as children of the King, stop and meditate on the many benefits and blessings which the Lord has so mercifully bestowed upon us. After Jesus had cast out the devils into the swine in Luke 8:33, He told the man who was now free of those devils to return to his own house and "shew how great things God hath done unto thee." Notice verse 40 and how it gives us great admonition and instruction, "And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him."

. . .May He find us waiting for His return, whether it be waiting for Him to "pass by" and visit with us by His blessed Spirit, or for His return to carry us home to be with Him in Paradise. Which ever, we wait in great anticipation. "Think About IT!"