

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 36. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (16) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

#### N22. The One Who **Bore Our Griefs** (Infirmities) and **Carried Our Sorrows** (Diseases)

#### N23. The **Meek King** Mounting a **Donkey's Colt** and Entering Jerusalem Triumphantly, to Whom the Crowds Cried, **Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord**

Hymns: #6134 / #190 / #26

✚ “...the words which I have spoken to you are **spirit** and are **life**” (John 6:63)

[Prophecy]

Isa. 53:4 - Surely He has **borne** our sicknesses, And **carried** our sorrows;  
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God and afflicted.

[Fulfillment]

Matt. 8:17 - So that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,  
“He Himself took away our **infirmities** and bore our **diseases**.”

[Prophecy]

Zech. 9:9 - Exult greatly, O daughter of Zion; Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Now your King comes to you.  
He is righteous and bears salvation, Lowly and riding upon a **donkey**, Even upon a colt, the foal of a donkey,

Psa. 118:26 - Blessed is He who **comes** in the **name of Jehovah**; We bless you from the house of Jehovah.

[Fulfillment]

Matt. 21:2 - Saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a **donkey** tied and a **colt** with her;  
untie *them* and lead *them* to Me.

Matt. 21:7 - And led the **donkey** and the **colt**. And they put their **garments** on them, and He **sat** upon them.

Matt. 21:8 - And most of the crowd spread their own **garments** in the road,  
and others cut **branches** from the trees and spread *them* in the road.

Matt. 21:9 - And the crowds who went before Him and those who followed cried out, saying,  
**Hosanna** to the Son of David! Blessed is He who **comes** in the **name of the Lord**! Hosanna in the highest!

✚ “...to **reveal** His Son in me...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ Christ **took** our infirmities and **bore** our diseases on His cross and accomplished full **healing** for us there.

- The **prophecy** in Isaiah 53:4 is **fulfilled** in Matthew 8:17 saying -  
“...what was spoken through Isaiah...might be fulfilled, saying, He Himself **took** our infirmities and **bore** our diseases.”
  - We were healed due to the Lord’s redemption.
  - He took our infirmities and bore our diseases on His cross and accomplished full **healing** for us there.
    - the **application** of **healing** by divine power can only be a **foretaste** in **this age**;
    - and the **full taste** will be accomplished in the **coming age**

❖ Christ came as the **meek King**.

- The **prophecy** in Zech. 9:9 was **fulfilled** in Matt. 21:4-10, saying –  
“Behold your King is coming to you meek and **mounted on a donkey** and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”
  - The Lord **purposely** went back to Jerusalem to present Himself as the **Lamb of God** to be **crucified**.
  - His mounting a donkey’s colt and entering Jerusalem triumphantly **was for** His wonderful, **all-inclusive death**.
- The **prophecy** in Psa. 118:26 was **fulfilled** in Matt. 21:6-8, saying –  
“And the **disciples**...led the donkey and the colt and put their **garments** on them, and He sat on them. And most of the **crowd** spread their own **garments** in the road, and **others** cut **branches** from the trees and spread them in the road.”
  - The crowds cried, **blessed** is he who **comes** in the **name of the Lord**
    - the **disciples** honored the lowly King by **putting their garments** on the **donkey & colt** for Him to ride on,
    - the **crowd** honored Him by **spreading their garments** (*garments signify human virtues and conduct*) in the **road** for Him to pass through, they honored the Lord with their clothing, that is, **with whatever they had**
    - **others** cut **branches** from the palm trees (*John 12:13*) and **spread** them in the **road**
      - the **palm tree**, signify the **victorious life** and the **satisfaction** of enjoying the rich produce of this life
      - they recognized that He was the **One** with the victorious life, honoring Him **with whatever they were**
- The people shouted out: “Hosanna to the Son of David Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”
  - The Hebrew word **hosanna** means “**save now**”

- The title “The **Son of David**” was the **royal title** of the lowly **King**.
  - they welcome of the King, the One who came in the name of the Lord
  - the praise of the people sovereignly indicated that the King came **not** in His own name **but** in the **name of Jehovah**

✚ “...let all the peoples **speak praise to Him ...**” (Rom. 15:11)

- ✚ Christ Himself **took our infirmities** and **bore our diseases** on His cross and accomplished **full healing for us** there. We experience this healing by divine power as a **foretaste** in this age and the **full taste** will be accomplished in the coming age.
- ✚ The crowd used both their **garments** (virtues and conduct), and the **palm tree branches** (victorious life) to **celebrate the coming of the lowly King**. In **honoring** the meek King with **whatever they had** and **what they were**, the people recognized that He was the One with the victorious life.

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Hymn 6134	Hymn 190	Hymn 26
<p><b>1</b> Down from His throne, God’s <b>Son</b> <b>descended</b>, And all our <b>human sorrows bore</b>; He <b>gave His life-blood</b> to <b>redeem</b> me, Risen, as the <b>Spirit</b>, He’s my <b>Savior</b>, <b>Christ my Lord</b>.</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> My <b>Savior</b> lives; He’s my hope of glory, My spirit’s sparked, soul <b>sanctified</b>; He makes <b>my heart His home</b>; His strength infuses, Till His great love we know and as God’s fullness shine.</p> <p><b>2</b> I’m in the <b>Lord</b>, regenerated, Old things are gone; new are all things; In love and light, the new creation, What organic, <b>rich salvation</b> now the <b>Spirit</b> brings!</p> <p><b>3</b> I love You, <b>Lord</b>, and yearn to follow, Complete my course, my <b>Lord</b> to please. Oh, make me faithful, joined in <b>Spirit</b>, Till I’m part of Your <b>victorious Bride</b>, Eternally.</p>	<p><b>1</b> O <b>Lord</b>, as we consider Thee, We worship Thee for all Thou art; Thou art <b>so rich</b>, so wonderful, So dear and precious to our heart.</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> What Thou art <b>meets our every need</b>! Our hearts o’erflow with praise to Thee! All our desires Thou dost exceed And satisfy continually.</p> <p><b>2</b> Thou art the very <b>God</b> in truth, The <b>God</b> who is both love and light; The <b>God</b> who is to us our life, The <b>God</b> in whom we all delight.</p> <p><b>3</b> Thou also art a <b>man</b> indeed, A <b>man</b> so fine, so good, so pure; A <b>man</b> in whom our God delights, A <b>man</b> who can our love secure.</p> <p><b>4</b> Thou even art a <b>lowly slave</b>, A slave of God to serve for us; <b>Obedient to the cross’s death</b> That we might be <b>delivered</b> thus.</p> <p><b>5</b> Thou art, beside all these, a <b>King</b>, A <b>King</b> in life and love to reign, By God anointed with His pow’r To rule with us in His domain.</p> <p><b>6</b> Dear <b>Lord</b>, as we <b>remember</b> Thee, We thus <b>partake</b> of all Thou art; As we enjoy Thyself in love, We share Thee as Thy counterpart.</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>God</b>, we praise Thee for Thy <b>mercy</b>, 'Tis so great and so profound! In our <b>weakness</b> and our <b>failures</b>; With its greatness it abounds. We adore Thee! we adore Thee! With such <b>mercy</b> we’ve been crowned!</p> <p><b>2</b> How we marvel at this <b>mercy</b> So far-reaching and so vast! It has reached us, e’en the sinners, And will ever hold us fast. From this <b>mercy</b>, from this mercy, What can cause us to be cast?</p> <p><b>3</b> For Thy <b>mercy</b> we are grateful, 'Tis so rich, so plenteous! Thru Thy mercy in <b>redemption</b>, Thou hast richly favored us. If without this, if without this, How could we be favored thus?</p> <p><b>4</b> Oh, Thy <b>mercy</b>, so inspiring! Gentle, tender, dear and sweet! With Thy patience and Thy kindness, Us in all our need it meets. It we treasure, it <b>we treasure</b>, Nothing can with it compete.</p> <p><b>5</b> <b>Father</b>, we enjoy Thy <b>mercy</b>, Ever fresh and ever new; Every morning shed upon us, It refreshes as the dew. How we taste it! how we taste it! Giving Thee the praises due.</p> <p><b>6</b> We can never cease to praise Thee, As Thy <b>mercy</b> e’er endures; All Thy grace and all Thy favor, Ever for us it secures. Trusting in it, trusting in it, Thy <b>sure mercy</b> us assures.</p>