

Sunday, December 20, 2009—The Sufferings of Christ and the Glory that Should Follow

### **Introduction**

- Last week during our message during our Christmas Program we looked at the reason why Christ came as a baby.
- Hebrews 2:9—the reason that Jesus Christ came to earth was to taste death for every man.
- I Peter 1:6-11—according to Peter the prophets spoke about the sufferings of Christ and the Glory that should follow.
- This verse is one of the key verses for understanding the prophetic program.
- There are something the prophets spoke about since the world began
  - Luke 1:70
  - Acts 3:18-21
- There was also some information that God kept secret since the world began.
  - Romans 16:25
  - Ephesians 3:5, 8
  - Colossians 1:26

### **Unto Us a King is Born**

- Luke 1:26-33-- How would Mary have understood these words? The throne of David and his kingdom would have no end? She would have believed that her son would sit on a throne in the city of Jerusalem and ruled over the whole earth with Israel as the head nation of the earth.
- Why would she have believed that? Because of numerous passages in the OT scriptures that said things that supported such a belief. If we take these statements at face value Jesus came to be a king of a kingdom. Christ came into the world to be a king. That would have and will affect the political alignment of the world.
- The angel announces to Mary to she is to be the one who is going to carry the Messiah. She is honored to give birth to the king.
- Isaiah 9:6-7

- Luke 1:69

### **His Disciples Believed He was the King**

- John 1:40-49
- Luke 19:11-- this was Christ's to Jerusalem prior to the last week of his life. The triumphal entry is recorded in vv28 – 40.
- They think that they are going down to Jerusalem and Christ is going to usher in the kingdom. That is not exactly what happened is it. Christ went down to Jerusalem and instead of bringing in the kingdom he dies. He is crucified.
- Christ came to be the king of Israel but he also came to be crucified for sin.
- At this point they didn't know what Peter says in 1 Peter that the glory was only coming after the suffering. Christ had begun to tell them of these things prior to this point.

### **Christ Shows the Disciples that He Must Die**

- Matthew 16:21—Peter rebukes Christ for saying these things.
- There are two other places in Matthew where the Lord tells them something like this.
  - Matthew 17:22
  - Matthew 20:17-19
- Luke 9:44-45
- Luke 18:31-34
- It took the events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ to break through their concepts of what was going to happen for them to see these things. But they did understand after that.
- Luke 24:16-26
- I Peter 1:11
- Luke 24:27-45

- There are prophecies that speak of the glories of the Messiah and the kingdom. There are prophecies that speak of the suffering of the Messiah. They didn't see how these went together.
- Christ came to be a king. Christ came to accomplish all the things that the scriptures said he would but for all those things to happen he had to die first.
- Acts 2:29-30—God raised up Christ from the dead so Christ could sit on the throne of David in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. God raised up Christ so that He could fulfill the prophetic statements of the OT concerning the glory of the kingdom.

### **What Happened to the Glory That Should Follow?**

- Acts 3:18-19—Israel is charged with repenting for their part in the death of Christ.
- Acts 7:51-52—the leadership of Israel rejects Stephen's message and is rendered in unbelief as a result.
- Romans 11:11-12, 30-32
- If we are going to understand the Bible we must not make the mistake of thinking that the Body of Christ is spiritual Israel.
- The kingdom was never established because Israel the nation to whom the kingdom was promised and the nation to which Christ came was temporarily set aside her kingdom with it.
- In the meantime God has revealed his secret purpose about the Body of Christ.