

The background features a dark blue gradient with a starry space pattern. On the left side, there are several technical diagrams, including circular gauges with numerical scales (140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260) and various circular and curved lines, some with arrows indicating direction. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

HOSANNAH SUNDAY

CHRIST THE ETERNAL KING

MARK 11:1-11

CONTEXT OF THE TEXT

- The context is the journey that Jesus starts in Mark 10:32
- Journey to Jerusalem with serious possible complications
- It is also a context of Passover- when the people experience the liberative power of God in a commemorative way
- People's expectation of a savior is the largest and overwhelming context

CONTEXT OF THE TEXT

- Pilgrimage was part of the festival-From Jericho to mount Olives-and there to Jerusalem
- Pilgrimage was to attune the pilgrim's heart to receive the deepest meaning and experience of the festival
- Last station of the pilgrim's path was Bethany. Bethany is situated two miles away from Jerusalem
- Usually the pilgrim travels this phase of the journey by foot

CHRIST'S IS A "MESSIANIC" ENTRY

- Zechariah 9:9
- **Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**
- **Messianic entry**
- He rides the messianic animal-a sacred animal that has not ever been put to ordinary use.
- He tells his disciples to take the permission of anyone who asks why you untie the donkey
- His leadership is unlike that of the religious and political leadership of his time.

CHRIST'S IS A "MESSIANIC" ENTRY CONTINUED

- They forcibly levied the people with the compulsory offerings and state taxes
- Roman officials used to demand the animals and people for their service. They seldom returned what they used to take for themselves
- Here the disciples are instructed to be humble to promise the owner of the donkey that the donkey will be returned after the Messiah's use

MESSIANIC CHARACTER

- The Messianic way involves humility and suffering
- Spontaneous homage unlike other processions, where an atmosphere of pomp was deliberately created.
- Laying of the garments is a mark of profound respect
- Shouts of Jubilation: Mark 11:9–10-Psalm 118:25
- (NICNT Mk): (a) Hosanna!
- (b) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- (b') Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
- (a') Hosanna in the highest!

HOSANNAH IS A PRAYER...

- That invokes God's saving action among the people
- The phrase has a messianic significance -Mark 11:9–10 (NICNT Mk): "he who comes in the name of the Lord"
- It is an appeal for God to inaugurate the era of salvation. It expresses the messianic hope

CONCLUSION

- Church is called to enliven the messianic character
- To enter into different contexts of people with humility and with a sincere intention to make peace
- To be the harbingers of messianic hope- To sing Hosannah for the ailing world