

## Sermon Notes: Three Processions

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In October, 331 BC [Alexander the Great](#) marched into Babylon, the capital of the Babylonian empire and one of the largest cities of the ancient world (population was probably 200,000+).

- **Go Deeper:** Read the [description](#) of Alexander's entry into Babylon by the Roman historian [Quintus Curtius Rufus](#) who based his account on earlier Greek sources.

Contrast Alexander's entry into Babylon with Jesus' procession into Jerusalem as recorded in [all four gospels](#).

- **Watch Later:** [Triumphal Entry and Results](#) (from *The Gospel of John* movie at the [Jesus Film Project](#)).

In their book *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*, authors Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan write of another procession in Jerusalem on that spring day in 30 A.D.: the procession of [Pontius Pilate](#), the Roman governor of Idumea, Judea, and Samaria.

- **Go Deeper:** Learn more about the [Imperial cult of ancient Rome](#) and the divination of its emperors.

[Zechariah 9:9-10](#) is understood by Matthew and John as a prophecy concerning Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the nature of his kingship.

### Life Response:

The question of Palm Sunday and Good Friday: *Will you receive the gift of Jesus's offering of himself – his sacrifice for you and your sins?*

**Closing Music:** [Rejoice, the Lord is King](#) ([Emu Music](#) via Youtube)