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“How were people saved before Jesus died for our sins?”

The Lamb of that vision has become the conquering King.

Revelation 19:11 (NASB)

¹¹“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.”

No longer is Jesus portrayed as He was in His humiliation, “**humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey**” ([Zechariah 9:9](#)).

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB)

⁹“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, **Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**”

John 12:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT.”

Instead, He rides the traditional **white horse** ridden by victorious Roman generals in their triumphal processions through the streets of Rome. **White** also symbolizes the spotless, unblemished, absolutely holy character of the Rider. The **horse**, like the crowns ([v. 12](#)), the sharp sword ([v. 15](#)), the rod of iron ([v. 15](#)), and the wine press ([v. 15](#)) is symbolic; Christ's coming is reality. The symbolic language represents various aspects of that reality—Christ's victory over His enemies, His sovereign rule, and His judgment of sinners.

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Continuing his description of the astonishing scene before him, John notes that **He who sat on the white horse is called Faithful and True**. There is no more appropriate name for the Lord Jesus Christ, who earlier in Revelation was called “**the faithful and true Witness**” ([Revelation 3:14](#)). He is **faithful** to His promises (cf. [2 Corinthians 1:20](#)) and what He speaks is always true ([John 8:45-46](#); [Titus 1:2](#)). Though some would like to pick and choose which teachings of Jesus they wish to accept, He is just as faithful to His promises of wrath and judgment as He is to His promises of grace and salvation. The description of Jesus as **Faithful and True** is in marked contrast with the unfaithfulness and lies of Satan ([Rev.12:9](#)), Antichrist's evil empire ([Rev.18:23](#)), and wicked people ([2 Timothy 3:13](#)). The very fact that He is coming again as He promised confirms that Jesus is **Faithful and True**.