

It's PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday BEGINS "Passion Week" - Which is the FINAL Week of Jesus COMPLETING our Salvation

& - AS we celebrate our Salvation
& the Resurrection of Jesus Christ this week

Each day this week - We'll be sending out DEVOTIONS
by TEXT - From Word By Mail

to prepare us for Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday

These special "Resurrection Week" devotions
will also go with our Alone With God daily Journal

So it will be a good way for you to get a feel for the Journal guides

If you would like to get these Daily devotions

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PALM SUNDAY Is the day –we celebrate the event we call
The Triumphal Entry

On THAT Day – Jesus rode TRIUMPHANTLY
INTO Jerusalem

Clearly Announcing - "Your Savior is HERE"

**On THIS DAY – MORE than ANY other day
Prior to the Resurrection**

**Jesus Christ made it PERFECTLY CLEAR
To ISRAEL, & to YOU & ME**

**That He IS YOUR SAVIOR - The MESSIAH
Sent By God to SAVE YOU**

& He **MADE SURE** - to **make this Truth** - **Miraculously Clear**
In **His Triumphant Entry**

So - **My Prayer** is - at **the end** of this **msg**

that you would **have** more **Confident Assurance**
If Jesus is **already** your **Personal Savior**

Or **that Jesus** would **go** from **being THE Savior**
To being **YOUR Personal SAVIOR**

Let's Pray

The Triumphant Entry Occurred
At the **Beginning** of the **PASSOVER** **celebration**

PASSOVER is the **celebration** – of the **Sacrifice**
of the **Innocent Lamb**

That was Slain – to **Save God's People** from the **Angel of Death**
& **Free them** from **Egypt** (*which is a picture of sin*)

& 1 Cor 5:7 says – Jesus is OUR Passover Lamb

**Slain to SAVE US - from the Wages of Sin
Which the Bible says - is Death**

**& on THAT SAME DAY
As Jesus Rode into Jerusalem in the Triumphal Entry**

The Passover Lambs
were ALSO being brought into Jerusalem

To be prepared – to be sacrificed – to remind the people
of God Saving them from EGYPT - & The Angel of DEATH

& at the END of THIS Passover Week

The True Lamb of God that would be SLAIN
for the Sin of the World

As a perfect fulfillment
of all that the Passover Celebration - PICTURED

& so - MONTHS Prior to the Triumphal Entry

We read in Luke 9:51 (NLT)

51 As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

Month's Prior to the Triumphal Entry

Jesus “resolutely set out for Jerusalem”

Because he - Had to Make SURE

that he would Enter Jerusalem

on a **Very SPECIFIC – & Very EXACT Day**

In order to Fulfill some Very Exact Prophecies

& when **THAT Day** came

The **LORD of all Creation - MADE SURE**

That Every Single Detail went

Exactly **WHEN** it was **Planned**

Exactly **HOW** it was **Planned**

Exactly **HOW** it had been **Written** – long ago, **In Prophecy**

SO THAT Israel - & YOU & ME – would have

Every **possible chance** - to **Make the Connection**

Every **possible chance** - to **Believe**

Every **possible chance** – to **Put our Full Faith & Trust**

IN GOD - who **Orchestrated ALL** of these **events**
before Time Began

Here's how it Started - Matthew 21:1-3 (NLT)

1 As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.

2 “Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me.

3 If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them.'

THE EXACT Day – Had Arrived

& The **Prophetic Signs** – were **about** to **Fall into Place**

& **Suddenly** – the **COLT** of a **Donkey**
become **CRUCIAL** to the **event**

Because the **Holy Spirit**

is **Perfectly Orchestrating** Every **DETAIL**

So **Jesus** says – “***Go borrow a DONKEY and its COLT***”
“***If anyone asks, just tell them 'The Lord needs it'***”

& that's Exactly What Happened

in Mark 11:5–6 – it says (NLT)

5 As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”

6 They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it.

This **moment** – **Went Perfectly - as Planned**

Like **every moment** of this **PASSOVER WEEK** - **Would**

Because on **THIS Day** (& **this WEEK**) - **Jesus** was **fulfilling**
MULTIPLE - **Mind-Boggling** - **Specific prophecies**

About the Arrival of YOUR SAVIOR

Which is what the Next Vs in Mat 21 says

Matthew 21:4-5 (NLT)

4 This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

5 “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey - riding on a donkey’s colt.’ ”

This is the **exact prophecy** written in **Zech 9:9**

Everything that is happens at the Triumphal Entry – IS:

Extremely Prophetic - & Precisely Prophetic

In **order** to give **ISRAEL** - & **YOU & ME** - **every** possible **CHANCE**

To make **THE Savior** - **OUR Personal Savior**

YOUR Savior is HERE - Don’t Miss Him

(cont’g) Matthew 21:6-7 (NLT)

6 The two disciples did as Jesus commanded.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

NORMALLY - A King would ride into a City

On a **WAR-HORSE** - Showing **STRENGTH** & **VICTORY**

But - To ride on a Donkey was a symbol of Peace NOT WAR

& **even more so** – to **ride** on the **Colt of a Donkey**

**& 700 Years Earlier – Isaiah had Prophesied
the Messiah would come as the Prince of Peace**

**& When Jesus was Born – The Angels of Heaven announced
*That peace had come to earth***

**& today – Jesus is riding into Jerusalem
As the “King of Peace” - On the Colt of a Donkey**

& listen please – This is important

**That This is the Only time - Jesus ALLOWED
a PUBLIC CELEBRATION like this - of WHO he Was**

**& – He didn't just ALLOW IT
He completely ORCHESTRATED IT**

**Because Jesus did NOT Want Israel - or YOU & ME
To Miss the fact that - OUR SAVIOR IS HERE**

**So - It was the Beginning of Passover week
& Jews from all over ISRAEL**

**Were making their Pilgrimage
to Jerusalem - for the Passover**

Jerusalem would swell to over 1 million people on Passover

& MANY of them Would be walking up
this **same road** to **Jerusalem** - *at this same time*

& The Word about **Jesus**
had been **spreading** like **Wildfire** for **some time**

But **then** - **Just before** the **Massive crowds**
started entering **Jerusalem**

With perfect **timing**
Jesus had **Just RAISED LAZARUS** from the **Dead**

The **Raising of Lazarus** from the **dead**
Had put The **FAME** of **Jesus** - **Over the Top**

& NOW - ALL of these **people**
Were **LOOKING** for **JESUS**

Because They wanted to **Enter Jerusalem** **WITH Him**
for the **Passover Celebration**

These Crowds were **Hoping** - That **Jesus** would **be**

the **Messiah** that **Would OVERTHROW Rome**
& **become** the **KING** of **ISRAEL**

& Ultimately - Jesus - WILL DO THAT

& Ultimately - Jesus - WILL BE THAT

But today - Jesus was Entering Jerusalem
for a Much Much LARGER Victory

The Victory FOR YOU - Over Sin, Death, & the Grave

But Still - This Huge Crowd - just Fell Right Into place

To play their part

In this Great Prophetic Announcement

That YOUR SAVIOR - IS HERE

Matthew 21:8 (NLT)

8 Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

This was Customary Treatment - At that time

For a VICTORIOUS KING entering a City

& it made it clear - that a NEW KING

Was Entering Jerusalem

AND - The Crowd was Shouting Out

the Perfectly Correct – Prophetic Words

Let me switch to the ESV here – & you look for
that Great Word Of Praise - HOSANNA!

Matthew 21:9 (ESV)

9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

HOSANNA means "Save now" or "Save us now"

It was Israel's PRAISE to God – for Sending a SAVIOR

Which is exactly what Jesus was coming to BE

But - In a MUCH Greater way – than the people were thinking

& Jesus IS the Greater Son of David (as they were shouting)

Jesus IS the Messiah & He IS the King of Israel

& Jesus HAD COME to SAVE

& Jesus WOULD (Ultimately) RULE on the Throne of David

& EVERYTHING about the Triumphal Entry is SCREAMING OUT

YOUR SAVIOR IS HERE!

**But – this incredible event was not JUST to announce
to ISRAEL and US - Our Savior Was HERE**

It was also to accomplish another Critical Event

**Because – as the RELIGIOUS LEADERS saw
the crowds growing & growing**

& as they HEARD the people - shouting & shouting
that Jesus was their Savior & their King

It Drove the Religious Leaders
TO DO - Exactly What God Needed them TO DO

Jesus KNEW – he was only 5 days away – From the Cross

& Jesus knew – that ALL that was Happening
IN the Triumphal Entry

Would ENSURE - that the Jewish Religious Leaders
GOT JESUS to the Cross – ON TIME - (*at the exact right time*)

& So - When the Pharisee's SAW what was happening here

We read in John 12:19 (NLT)

19 Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"

You can just HEAR them Saying

There is NO WAY we are allowing this
Ragamuffin from Nazareth – to Become KING of Israel

We Must ENSURE – that he is removed – permanently

& So - THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS - (just like the crowd)

Were Playing Right Along
with God's Perfect Orchestration of this moment

BUT - WHY ON THIS PARTICULAR DAY ??

Prior To THIS DAY – Jesus Had Side-Stepped
EVERY Attempt to Proclaim Him as Messiah & King

In fact - He would slip out - even disappear
Whenever the people started CHANTING these things

& in a NUMBER of THOSE Situations – Jesus responded
with the Words – “My HOUR has not yet come”

But – that was NOT some kind of spiritual metaphor

There actually WAS AN HOUR
That had been Pre-Determined in the Throne Room of Heaven

& THAT DAY - & THAT HOUR – HAD COME

JUST AS it had been very specifically Prophesied

& so - at this point in the Triumphal Entry
we read in LUKE'S account

Luke 19:39–40 (NLT)

39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” (meaning things reserved only for the Savior)

40 He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

On **THIS Day** – AT **THIS Moment**

IF those people would **NOT** have **been crying out**
the **announcement** that **The SAVIOR was HERE**

Then GOD would’ve **had** the **ROCKS on the ROAD**
CRY OUT that **same Announcement**

Because **GOD** had **clearly** & **specifically Promised**

that Israel’s **True Messiah & King** - would **COME** to them
ON this Exact DAY - & **IN this Exact WAY**

500 years before Jesus was born

The **Prophet Daniel** made it **clear** (in **Dan Ch 9**)

When the **Israelites** were in **Exile in Babylon**
& the **Temple** had **been destroyed**

That **there** would be **69 sets of 7 years**

**Between the time the Decree
to rebuild the temple - was Given**

**to the DAY the Messiah
would ANNOUNCE himself to Israel**

69 sets of 7 years – is 483 years (or 173,880 days)

**From the time the Decree
to rebuild the temple - was Given**

To the DAY that the MESSIAH
would present himself to Israel

& in Nehemiah 2:1 – the MONTH that Decree was Given
to Rebuild the Temple – is clearly stated

NEH 2:1 Marks that Date as - our APRIL of 445 BC

& it takes some complicated math adjustments

But many Scholars have confirmed what a Detective
named Sir Robert Anderson first determined

& that is - that 483 “years of days” (173,880 days)
Takes us RIGHT TO - Passover week in 32 AD

& THAT Passover STARTED with The Triumphal Entry
of Jesus Christ - that we are looking at today

**This is a Supernaturally Accurate Prophecy
(& if you'd like to see the math on that - let me know)**

**But - There are actually over 300 Prophecies in the O.T.
that Jesus Christ Fulfilled in his life, death, & resurrection**

**300 Miraculous, Prophetic ANNOUNCEMENTS
That - Your SAVIOR is HERE**

**& MOST of Israel - & too many people that you & I know
Are STILL are MISSING IT**

We have ALL the SIGNS - ALL the Miraculous PROOFS

**But STILL – there are Far TOO MANY People
who REFUSE to SEE – What God has Made SO CLEAR**

So – Just ONE MORE Prophecy – for today

**AS Jesus crested the Mount of Olives
& Started down toward Jerusalem**

we read in Luke 19:41–44 (NLT)

41 But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep.

42 “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. (because they refused to see it)

43 Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side.

44 They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

**Jesus is Prophecying The Destruction of Jerusalem
AND the Temple – BY ROME – Which Occurred in 70 AD**

**& - AS v.44 says – When Rome destroyed the Temple
They Did Not Leave One stone on top of another**

& when we’re there – We stand Next to a huge Pile of Stones

**that were topped off the Temple mount
When Jerusalem was destroyed by Rome in 70 AD**

**Guys - IN The Triumphal Entry - Jesus gave US
His CLEAREST SIGNS - Prior to the Resurrection**

SO MANY Prophecies Came to PASS here – So Clearly

But . . . for the Most Part

**the Religious Leaders - AND the People
STILL MISSED IT**

**God GAVE THEM - Crystal Clear – Miraculous –
Undeniable – Prophetic PROOF – That their Savior was HERE**

But they still . . . MISSED IT !!

DON'T Miss – The Signs that Your Savior is HERE

**God has Given you – So Many - Clear
Miraculous – Undeniable – Prophetic SIGNS**

**That Jesus Christ IS who he says he IS
& He is going to DO what he says he's going to DO**

**But – in order for You - to NOT Miss it
you must reach out (IN FAITH) & RECEIVE it**

**You must Have “Eyes to See” - & you WILL See
You must Have “Ears to Hear” - & you WILL Hear**

You must CHOOSE to Believe

& then God will continue to Reveal Himself to you

& the Lord Jesus Christ - will be - YOUR SAVIOR

Let's Pray