

Compelling Portrait Part 10: The Price of Peace

Objective: To challenge us to surrender fully to the lordship of Jesus.

Read together:

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

*5 "Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"*

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:1-9

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Luke 22:42

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

- When you hear the word peace, what comes to mind?
- On a national or global level, what is the cost of peace? (What do nations have to do to experience peace?)
- Is there ever a price too high to pay for peace?
- When you hear the word surrender, what comes to mind?
- Why do you think we fight so hard against surrender?
- What is the difference between being a believer in Jesus and being a follower of Jesus?
- How does following Jesus (surrender) lead to real peace in our lives?

Final Thought: What, in your life, do you need to surrender so that you can know real, lasting peace?

This Week: Spend some this week asking yourself if you are a believer or a follower of Jesus.

