

The King's Victory Belongs to Us

This Sunday is celebrated in Christendom around the world as Palm Sunday for obvious reasons as we'll soon see. This occurred on Sunday during the last week of Jesus' ministry, during which Jesus intentionally fulfilled Messianic prophecies.

Matt. 21:1-11 TPT reads this way, *"Now, as they were approaching Jerusalem they arrived at the place of the **stables** (TPT note: "or "Bethphage." "Transliterated into Greek it means "the house of unripe figs.") near the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead, saying, 2. "As soon as you enter the village, you will find a donkey tethered along with her young colt. Untie them both and bring them to me. 3. And if anyone stops you and asks, 'What are you doing?' just tell them, 'The Lord of All needs them,' and he will let you take them." 4. All of this happened to fulfill the prophecy (Zech. 9:9): 5. "Tell Zion's daughter: "Look, your King arrives! He's coming to you full of gentleness, sitting on a donkey, riding on a donkey's colt." 6. So the two disciples went on ahead and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7. They brought the donkey and her colt to Him and placed their cloaks and prayer shawls on the colt, and Jesus rode on it. 8. Then an exceptionally large crowd gathered and **carpeted the road before him with their cloaks and prayer shawls.** [The parallel to this is found in **2 Kings 9:13 NKJV**: "Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under (Jehu) on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king!"] "Others cut down branches from trees to spread in His path."*

Some 400 years before Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, **Zechariah** gave the following clear prediction of the event! The fulfillment of the prophecy dramatically proclaimed Lord Jesus' Messiahship: **21:9**. "Jesus rode in the center of the procession –

*crowds going before Him and crowds coming behind Him, & they all shouted, "Bring the victory, Lord, **Son of David!** He comes with the blessings of being sent from the Lord Yahweh! We celebrate with praises to God in the highest!"* **V. 9b NKJV** *"Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"* **TPT note:** "Hosanna" [is] an Aramaic word that means "O save (bring the victory), Lord! The crowds were recognizing the Lord Jesus as Yahweh's Messiah. By shouting out, "Son of David," they were clearly expecting Jesus to immediately overthrow the Roman oppression and set the nation free. Many want victory before the cross, but true victory comes after resurrection!" **The Cross** is the place of our repentance from dead works of sin. **The Resurrection** is the embrace of Christ & His Word by faith. **If your born again from above, then live in the victory of Christ's resurrection life & power within you. For faith makes a road for Jesus to operate through us by.**

Jesus comes to us with the blessings of His being sent from the Lord Yahweh! Receive more of His blessing right now by faith!

V. 10 *"As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people went wild with excitement – the entire city was thrown into an uproar! 11. Some asked, "Who is this man?" And the crowds shouted back, "This is Jesus! He's the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee!"*

Rejoice in Christ Jesus, not Circumstances

Phil. 4:4 TPT *"Be cheerful **with joyous celebration** in every season of life. Let your joy overflow."* **Joy is in you!**
Release it!!

Fruit of Holy Spirit Is Greater than Trivial Dietary Laws

Rom. 14:17 TPT *“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of rules about food & drink, but is in the realm of the Holy Spirit, filled with righteous-ness, peace, and joy.”* **Gal. 5:22-23 TPT**

TPT notes: “The kingdom of God is entered into by the Holy Spirit, and not by observing feasts and ritual meals. We must be born of the Spirit in order to enter into God’s kingdom realm. To have the Holy Spirit is to have the realities of God’s kingdom.” **Also:** “**Righteousness means**, both in the context [of this verse] and in the Hebraic mind-set, **kindness in our relationships**. Paul is speaking of putting others first and expressing goodness in having right relationships with others as well as right living.” **Don’t let legalism rob you of Christ’s joy!**

Hope Releases Continuous Joy

Rom. 12:11-12 TPT *“Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward Him boiling hot! Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit and let Him fill you with excitement as you serve Him. 12. Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continuous joy. Don’t give up in a time of trouble (or “beat your afflictions bravely”), but commune with God at all times.”*

We’re On The Victory Side Because of Calvary

On **Sunday**, just days from the Cross of Calvary, Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On **Monday**, He went directly into the temple and drove away the fraudulent money changers & other merchants who had commercialized the sacrificial system (**21:12-16**). Jesus rested in Bethany, but did His work in Jerusalem. The next day, **Tuesday**, Jesus cursed the fruitless fig tree, which enacted parable extended to the nation of Israel, whose religious system & heritage appeared to hold so much promise of satisfaction; however, it was a false profession of righteousness, maintaining all the external forms of godliness, but rejecting the Son of God while professing faith in God (**2 Tim. 3:5**) **TPT** *“They may pretend to have a respect for God, but in reality*

they want nothing to do with God's power. Stay away from people like these." On **Wednesday**, Matthew records the lesson of the withered fig tree that Jesus taught to His disciples. **Matt.**

21:20-22TPT "Astonished, His disciples asked, "How did you make this fig tree instantly wither and die?" **21** Jesus replied, "Listen to the truth. If you do not doubt God's power and speak out of faith's fullness, you can also speak to a tree and it will wither away. Even more than that, you could say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and be thrown into the sea' and it will be done. (**Note:** Mountain = kingdoms and sea = nations or humanity). **22. Everything you pray for with the fullness of faith you will receive.**" **TPT note:** "Jesus taught His disciples that if faith's fullness lived in them, they could speak to the physical creation around them and it would respond. **Faith unlocks great authority for the believer.**" **Don't live in fear:**

Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on Him to guide you, and He will lead you in every decision you make. Become intimate with Him in whatever you do, and He will lead you wherever you go."