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Matthew 21:6-11 (NIV) – The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and place their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee".

1 in 1 quintillion (18 zeroes) = probability of one man fulfilling all Messianic prophesies – *Peter Stoner*

Malachi 3:1 (NIV) – "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly, the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come", says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:2-3a (NIV) – "But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver".

"If any of you, my hearers, are seeking the Lord at this time, I want you to understand what it means: you are seeking a fire which will test you, and consume much which has been dear to you. We are not to expect Christ to come and save us in our sins; he will come and save us from our sins; therefore, if you are enabled by faith to take Christ as your Savior, remember that you take him as the purger and purifier, for it is from sin that he saves us" – **Charles Spurgeon**

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Malachi 1:2-3 (NIV) – "I have loved you", says the Lord. But you ask, "How have you loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the Lord. "Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals".

"That is not my difficulty. My trouble is to understand how God could love Jacob" – *Charles Spurgeon*

Malachi 1:6b-8 (NIV) – "It is you priests who show contempt for my name. But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?' By offering defiled food on my altar. But you ask, 'How have we defiled you? By saying that the Lord's table is contemptible. When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the Lord Almighty.

Romans 12:1 (NIV) – "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship".

Malachi 1:14 (NIV) – "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king", says the Lord Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations".

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Malachi 2:3 (NIV) – "Because of you I will rebuke your descendants; I will smear on your faces the dung from your festival sacrifices, and you will be carried off with it".

Malachi 2:17 (NIV) – "You have wearied the Lord with your words. 'How have we wearied Him?' you ask. By saying, 'All who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord, and He is pleased with them' or 'Where is the God of justice?'"

Malachi 3:13-15(NIV) – "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out His requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it'".

Malachi 4:1-2a (NIV) – Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire", says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays".

Revelation 22:16 (NIV) – "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star".

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Malachi 3:6-7a (NIV) - "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

Luke 15:20 (NIV) – "So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him".