

## Lessons from Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

### Matthew 21:1-7

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage (*House of Green Figs*) on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> "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.**'" <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.

### 1. You Can Trust God's Word

- a. Foretold as a *Messianic sign* by the prophet Zechariah about 500 years before Christ.
- b. When God guides, He provides.
  - Abraham – Ram ☺
  - Jonah – Whale ☹
  - Passover – Upper room ☺

Question: What step of faith is God currently leading you?

My Thoughts:

### Matthew 21:8-9

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna (*save us*) to the Son of David!"

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

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

### 2. You Can Trust God's Character

- a. Jesus' actions confirmed Him as Messiah (the anointed one that rescues / delivers) Matthew 11:2-6, John 9:32
- b. He is immutable (unchanging) James 1:17, Hebrews 13:8

Question: How has God taught you recently about His character?

My Thoughts:

### 3. You Cannot Mold (*manipulate*) God in Your Own (*desired*) Image

- a. Scholars agree Hosanna in this context of takes on the tone of a command to bring or cause salvation.
- b. Many tried to manipulate or control Christ. Matthew 20:20-21, John 6:16
- c. Some prefer a *Plastic* Jesus. Deuteronomy 5:7, Matthew 16: 13-15

Question: Can you think of a time when you tried to *fit* Christ to your mold?

My Thoughts:

### Matthew 21:10-11

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."

## 4. You Can Trust God's Process

- a. Delay is not denial.
- b. Misconception should not lead to rejection.
- c. Crisis does not mean desertion.
  - Betrayal
  - Injustice
  - Unrelenting Pain of the cross
  - Sealed Tomb
- d. God's processes bring the hidden to light. Jerimiah 17:10, Romans 8:27
- e. Failing to understand God's processes can lead to isolation and sullenness. Jonah 4:5, John 20:25, John 2:27

Question: Can you identify sinful attitudes or actions that have surfaced in your times of trouble?

**My Thoughts:**

## 5. You Can Trust Jesus, the King that Saves

- a. Jesus' came to RESCUE. Luke 19:10
- b. God accepted Jesus' death as full payment for your sin. Romans 3:25
- c. He will FORGIVE, RESCUE, SAVE, DELIVER all who call on HIS name. Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13,1 Corinthians 1:2

Question: Have you **CALLED** on the name of the Lord to forgive and deliver you?

**My Thoughts:**

### Hebrews 7:25

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede (**talk**) with God on their behalf.(!)

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