

## “What Do You Want Jesus to Do For You?”

Matthew 21:1-11

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If Jesus were to walk up to you in the flesh... and ask you, “What do you want Me to do for you?” *What would you say?*

- (Write down your most pressing unmet need.) \_\_\_\_\_
- It could be an illness, financial difficulty, unhealthy relationship, a sudden loss, a deep sadness, or... (Phil 4:19)
- Why do you think this need has not been met yet? \_\_\_\_\_

In our main passage, we will learn about... the nation Israel exclaiming their great need for \_\_\_\_\_ from the oppression of the Romans. We'll also learn how this can apply to us.

### Matthew 21:1-11

- **VV 1-3...** Did Jesus need to ride a donkey the last mile into Jerusalem because He was tired from His 80-mile walk from Galilee? \_\_\_\_\_. *Rather, it was to publicly declare His \_\_\_\_\_.* (Isa 62:11; Zech 9:9)
- **VV 8-9...** The multitudes responded exuberantly by rolling out the \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Kings 9:12-13)

The nation Israel's supposed need... for liberation from the oppression of the Romans was not met. Rather, the need for liberation from the oppression of \_\_\_\_\_ was met. *For the whole world.* (Jn 3:16; Ro 3:23; 6:23; 10:9)

- Not to mention that through His death, burial, and resurrection, King Jesus established a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom. (Jn 18:33-37; Col 1:13-14; Eph 2:19; 2 Cor 5:20-21; Heb 12:28-29; Jn 15:18-20)

“This was interesting, Pastor. But so what? In other words, what's the lesson to learn?” *Glad you asked.*

*When we have a need, we should seek God's \_\_\_\_\_, not His hand. (Psa 27:8)*

- **Seeking God's hand:** When you're focused on your dire \_\_\_\_\_, you're desperately seeking God to meet it.
  - This leads to \_\_\_\_\_ God's character: Compassion, Grace, Patience, Love, and Faithfulness (Ex 34:6-7)
- **Seeking God's face:** When you're focused on \_\_\_\_\_, your need becomes an opportunity to pursue deeper relationship.
  - This leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in God's character. (Prov 3:5-6; Mt 11:28-30; Psa 63).

In closing: Can you relate to the lyrics from the Kari Jobe song, “The More I Seek You?” *That's the goal...*

**TURN OVER TO READ THE LYRICS AND ALSO FOR THE GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS**

*The more I seek You - The more I find You  
The more I find You - The more I love you*

*I wanna sit at Your feet - Drink from the cup in Your Hand  
Lay back against You and breathe - Feel Your heartbeat  
This love is so deep - It's more than I can stand  
I melt in Your peace - It's overwhelming*

### **GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS FOR "WHAT DO YOU WANT JESUS TO DO FOR YOU?" – 03/24/24**

Go through this note sheet and discuss with your growth group and/or your family at the dinner table. Seek opportunities to also share this with your friends, relatives, coworkers, neighbors, and/or school mates. Bring this note sheet to your work and discuss it with your workmate over lunch. Bring it to school and discuss it with your schoolmate over lunch. Read the main passage and look up all of the supporting verses on the other side of this note sheet. Pray with one another.

1. Let's start with some applicable wisdom regarding how to get your need met by God. As explained in the message, seeking God's face is the principal thing. This results in the following:

You are reminded that...

- a. Your Heavenly Father wants to meet your needs. *So, ask!* (Mt 7:7-10; Phil 4:6-7; Jn 5:14-15; Ro 8:32)
- b. Your Heavenly Father knows your needs. *Then why ask? Because by doing so, you are acknowledging your dependence on Him.* (Phil 4:6; Mt 7:7-8; Jas 4:3)
- c. Your Heavenly Father is able to meet your needs. *Nothing will thwart His strategy in meeting your needs.* (Eph 3:20)
- d. Your Heavenly Father will help you discern between needs and desires. *Not that desires are necessarily bad. It's just that not all of them will come to pass.* (Psa 37:4; 1 Tim 6:17)

2. Also, you have responsibilities. 1) Ask the Lord for help, 2) wait for His timing, 3) do exactly what He tells you to do.
3. The message began with an encouragement to write down your most pressing need. It's possible to be in a place where there are no pressing needs, and that is awesome. If that's not the case for you, then be encouraged to share with the group what your most pressing unmet need is. Also, be encouraged to share why that need hasn't been met yet.
4. When a need arises, it's only natural to react and do whatever is necessary to meet that need. And then, when the need is still not met, we look to God and pray for Him to meet the need.
  - a. Yet, as followers of Jesus, we should pray first. And something even deeper than praying, we should seek His face. This implies that we are in intimate communion with Him. Our minds become quiet and we are still before Him.
  - b. The result is that we find ourselves trusting and resting in His character.
  - c. On a scale of 1-5, how well are you trusting and resting in God? \_\_\_/5 If you didn't score a 5, what could you do to score higher? \_\_\_\_\_
5. This idea of seeking God is very deep. The lyrics of Kari Jobe's song "The More I Seek You" are as follows: "The more I seek You, the more I find You. The more I find You, the more I love You."
  - a. When we find something, the quest is over. Not so with God. The more we find Him, the more we are struck with the immeasurable greatness that He is and the more unsearchable He becomes! "Deep calls unto deep in the roar of Your waterfalls. All your waves and breakers have swept over me." (Psa 42:7) "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?" (Rom 11:33-34)
  - b. Have you had this experience with God? Y/N If yes, please share your insights.