



Palm Sunday

DAY OF VISITATION

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Text: Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, Oh daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

Introduction: The week of His Passion begins today! Thursday, Jesus was betrayed, Friday, He was Crucified then on Sunday, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords raised up from the dead in Power and every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God!

Preparation for Passover: Preceding Passover, people from all the countries and countryside would pour in Jerusalem. The population would swell from an average of 50,000 to about 150,000. The city was packed, bustling with activity anticipating Passover! Whenever a city grown 3x its size there is a lot of business on all fronts including the temple business.

Several days before Palm Sunday with great expectation the people looked for the Kingdom of God to immediately appear. Jesus now comes to Jericho on His way to The Feast Of Unleavened Bread or Passover and through the crowd He sees, in a tree, little Zacchaeus. Calling to him He is invited into this wealthy tax gatherer's house,

- **Jesus' parable about stewardship**

Luke 19:9 *And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."* ¹¹ *Now as they heard these things, **He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.*** ¹² *Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return."* ¹³ *So he called ten of his servants, **delivered to them ten minas,*** (1 mina = 3 months wages) *and said to them, **'Do business(carry on business like a banker) till I come.'*** ¹⁴ *But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'* ¹⁵ *And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.* ¹⁶ *Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'* ¹⁷ *And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'* ¹⁸ *And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.'* ¹⁹ *Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'* ²⁰ *Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.'* ²¹ *For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'* ²² *And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.'* ²³ *Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'* ²⁵ *(But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')* ²⁶ ***For I say to you, that to everyone who has (a return) will be given; and from him who does not have (a return), even what he has will be taken away from him.*** ²⁷ *But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' "*

- **Man's Expectation vs "Jesus' Purpose"**

After Jesus' Resurrection: Acts 1:6 *When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? ⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. ⁸ **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***

- **Plots to stop the Gospel - Chief Priests and Pharisees plot to kill Jesus and Lazarus**

John 11:55 *And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. ⁵⁶ Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, "What do you think--that He will not come to the feast?" ⁵⁷ **Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.***

John 12:10 *But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; ¹¹ Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.*

- **God's Purpose entering Jerusalem is Revealed!**

John 12:1 *Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. ---*

- **Jesus is put on a donkey to enter Jerusalem as King!**

Mark 11:1 *Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³ And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." ⁴ So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" ⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.*

- **Jesus is fulfilling prophecy in His every action and word.**

Matthew 21:4 *All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. ⁶ And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, ⁷ And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. ⁹ And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

Palm Sunday is the triumphant entry. It is God's presentation of the Paschal Lamb. The ancient Egyptians worshipped lambs. Taking a lamb, the Egyptians' deity, into their homes for four days, with the intention of slaughtering and eating it, was an act that was sure to be noticed by the Egyptians. It was extremely likely that they would be infuriated by this disrespect of their god. The lamb was kept in their arms so its feet could not touch the ground! This day the Perfect Lamb of God is coming down the Mount of Olives into His City/His Temple and even the donkey's hoof is not touching the ground coming down the Mount of Olives.

- Christ our Passover!

1 Corinthians 5:7 *Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:*

- A lamb for a house: "You and your house shall be saved!"

Acts 2:39 *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

Acts 16:31 *And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

Exodus 12:3 *Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their gathers, **a lamb for a house:** ⁴And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make you count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: ⁶And **ye shall keep it up** until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

- God commanded the Lamb to be sacrificed in Jerusalem.

Deuteronomy 16:5 *Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee: ⁶But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.*

Zechariah 14:4 *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east*

- Jesus' entry down the Mount of Olives continues

John 12:12 *On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: (LORD SAVE NOW) Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

Matthew 21:8 *And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. ⁹And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

- Male disciples took their prayer shaws and carefully laid them down for Jesus

Luke 19:36 *And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. ³⁷Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, ³⁸saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

- Religious leaders were very angry at the disciples!

³⁹ *And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰ But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."*

- Jesus weeps over the city

⁴¹ *Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in **this your day**, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because **you did not know the time of your visitation.**"*

Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes, and Sacrifices

Matthew 6:19 *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*