

God's Gifts in the Triumphal Entry

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Three blessings for Christ's followers found in His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday...

1. Let the PERFECT KNOWLEDGE of Christ CONSTRAIN you.

Matthew 21:1-3 - ¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

John 1:48 - "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

John 4:18 (Jesus to the Samaritan woman) ...The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband..."

Matthew 17:27 (NLT) - (Jesus to Peter)... go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a coin. Take the coin and pay the tax for both of us.

Hebrews 4:13 - Nothing in all creation can hide from him. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes. This is the God to whom we must explain all that we have done.

2. Let the UNFOLDING PLAN of God ENCOURAGE you.

Matthew 21:4-5 - ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

Galatians 1:4 (NLT) - He died for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.

-**Acts 2:23** - This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Ephesians 1:11 - ...(God) works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will...

3. Let the LOVE of Christ CHANGE you.

Matthew 21:10 - ...Jesus entered Jerusalem...

Matthew 20:18-19 - (Jesus to His disciples) "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Luke 22:42, 44 - ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ...⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

-**Matthew 20:18-19** - (Jesus speaking of Himself) "...the Son of Man (came) ...to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Translation key: Unless noted, all verses are from the New International Version; NLT = New Living Translation.