

# THE PASSION *of* PALM SUNDAY 2016

WHEN GOD DIED. THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.

## Matthew 21:1-17

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## WHEN GOD DIED

### THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

*THE PALM SUNDAY MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST  
HIS KINGSHIP, HIS LORDSHIP AND HIS DEITY ON DISPLAY.*

### Part 1 of Passion Week

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming, Palm Sunday, Prophecy, King.**

## The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

### Matthew 21:1-17

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." :4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'" :6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" :10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" :11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." :12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" :14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He

did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise’? ” :17 Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

**If I can walk you back now – this morning to nearly 2,000 years ago to the city of Jerusalem, it would be an understatement to tell you that the air was electrified with joy, with tension and with a sense of expectation...**

## **Something big was up - and people knew it!**

**The air filled with joy because**

*The Passover was both the looking back to that night in Egypt when God had divided the living from the dead **by the blood of lamb.***

**The air was filled with tension because**

*The occupying powers of **Rome feared the crowds** – Jerusalem and its surrounding villages had swollen to well over 1 million people who had made the pilgrimage for the feasts of the Jews.*

**The air was filled with a sense of expectation because**

***The ministry of Jesus had reached a fevered pitch.** For some 9 months now Jesus and the disciples had been heading south from the Galilee, zigzagging across the nation – preaching the gospel and performing miracles.*

**Putting all these things together - - The Gospels record a particular act, a miracle that had set things in motion like no other...**

**The Word of the Street was – “Is He the long awaited Messiah of Israel? Will He be the One to set us free?”**

## WHEN GOD DIED

### 1.) The message begins with a promise

#### THE MESSAGE BEGINS WITH A PROMISE.

#### 1a.) God has promised man eternity

Throughout the Scriptures;  
The volume of the Bible carries its theme...

- #1 - That God is Altogether – Not like us,
- #2 - That God loves us, His creation, enough to not leave us alone.

#### Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Palm Sunday **is His First Coming** to Mankind  
looking at Gods promises to deliver, save, rescue mankind which is literally  
the message of

The God of the Bible has made us this Promise.

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- ? Can you **believe** in the promises of God?
  - ? Can you **depend** upon them for yourself?
  - ? Can you **trust** in God to do what He has promised?

#### 2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen,  
to the glory of God through us.

#### THE MESSAGE BEGINS WITH A PROMISE.

#### 1b.) God has promised man justice

Another thing that is happening here is the act of Judgment !

*The roman historian Josephus writes that there were tens of thousands of people in Jerusalem for the Passover and there was no way for them to avoid witnessing the dynamics of Jesus' presence in the city.*

## It's an Act of Judgment because;

*Decisions are having to be made. Not about where to sleep or what to eat – all that went out the window at the first "Hosanna"*

### There is a Powerful Prophecy Regarding this Palm Sunday and More...

#### **Genesis 49:10-11 NIV**

**The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the Ruler's staff from between His feet, until He to whom it belongs shall come (1<sup>st</sup> coming) and the obedience of the nations shall be His. (2<sup>nd</sup> coming) :11 He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; (1<sup>st</sup> coming) He will wash His garments in wine, His robes in the blood of grapes. (2<sup>nd</sup> coming)**

Israel, as a nation was desiring Justice and Deliverance from Roman Oppression – BUT THERE WAS A GREATER NEED.

#### **WHEN GOD DIED**

### **THE MESSAGE BEGINS WITH A PROMISE.**

#### **1c.) God has promised man redemption**

What was this Palm Sunday in History preparing them, us for?  
The Fulfillment of the Greatest Biblical Prophecy of All...

#### **Genesis 3:15**

And I will put enmity Between you (Satan) and the woman, And between your seed (Satan's posterity) and her Seed (Christ alone); He shall crush your head, And you (Satan) shall bruise His heel."

The Physical Visitation of the;  
**Life and Death and Resurrection of God** for the Sins of Humanity.

#### **Isaiah 53:1-6**

Who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm? 2 My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. 3 He was despised and rejected - a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. :4 Yet it

was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! 5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

## WHEN GOD DIED

### 2.) The message is being confirmed

#### 2a.) God is confirming His message in Jesus

This Palm Sunday in History, was the Arrival of Israel's True King

## Jesus, the Word of God, The Will of God Was, is Being Revealed;

The Scriptures were clear - - The Hosanna's of **Psalm 118** were reserved for One, Israel's Deliverer - - **Jesus Himself, Knowing the scriptures and the prophets knew right well that what was happening was the fulfillment of Bible Prophecy and it had Eternal Consequence !**

**From The Donkey to the Descent of the Mount of Olives  
to the Shouts, All were in accordance with the ancient prophecies !**

#### Luke 19:37-44

Then, 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, 38 saying: " **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**" :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.**" :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.**"

WHEN GOD DIED  
**THE MESSAGE IS BEING CONFIRMED.**

2b.) God is confirming His message **through events**

**Matthew Singles Out Many OT Prophecies  
Heading into This Week in History.**

“All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying...”

**Matthew 21:4-5**

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

**Zechariah 9:9**

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

**It’s amazing to know that, only during the reign of King David**

was a **donkey** considered to be an animal of **Royalty** and **Kingship**. After David, all the other Kings appointed Horses to be their ride – **Interesting that, According to the flesh, DNA, Jesus is referred to as the son of David**

**Matthew 21:6-9**

So the disciples went and **did as Jesus commanded them**. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

**Psalms 118:25**

Save now (Hosanna), I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**Listen to John’s Eyewitness Account as it supports / confirms  
Matthew’s Telling of the Events.**

**John 12:12-13**

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, **13 took branches of palm trees** and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

**WHEN GOD DIED**

**THE MESSAGE IS BEING CONFIRMED.**

**2c.) God is confirming His message by the believers**

**Regarding This Palm Sunday in History;**

**It separated the believer from the unbeliever !**

**Luke 19:38-40**

(the whole multitude of the disciples) saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" :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."**

**John 12:19**

The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, **"You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"**

**1 John 1:1-3**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**WHEN GOD DIED**

**3.) The message will change the world**

**3a.) God is elevating the Gospel to the world**

### Matthew 23:37-24:13

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” ” 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” :3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. :9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

## THE MESSAGE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

### 3b.) God is **bringing** about His plan for the world

#### On this Momentous Day of History,

Jesus, being surrounded by 100,000 plus voices along the Mount Olives,  
He begins to be gripped by a deep sadness. That sadness turns to tears, the tears into weeping – the weeping into a gut wrenching lamentation...

### Luke 19:41-42

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...”*

**wept** *klai ÷w klaio, klah´-yo*; to begin to weep within, then to tear the eyes, then to sob (the chest) then to wail (head up) then to bemoan. (head down)

**It's Not The Cross that Awaits which Concerns Him.**

**It's Not the Gross Self-righteousness of the Pharisees that Concerns Him.**

**It's not the Brutality of the Roman Empire that Concerned Him.**

**It was the Fact that the Nation and It's leaders had failed to recognize Him.**

**He saw the city and wept (Why?)**

**Luke 19:43**

For days **will come upon you** when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

**"The Jewish Wars" by Flavius Josephus,**

**Book 5,12,4. of the events of 70AD.**

"General Titus, in going on his rounds along those valleys, saw them full of dead bodies, and the thick putrefication running about them, he gave a groan; and spreading out his hands to heaven, called God to witness, that this was not his doing. And such was the sad case of the city of Jerusalem."

**He saw the city and wept (Why?)**

**Luke 19:44b**

All this because you **did not know** (recognize / identify / watch for) the time of your **visitation.**"

**God is bringing about His plan for the world.**

**That if the world would only recognize, if this nation would only recognize, if you would only recognize the Day of Your Visitation.**

**He saw the city and wept (Why?)**

**THE MESSAGE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD.**

**3c.) God is about to intervene in the world**

"Why is God landing in this enemy-occupied world in disguise and starting a sort of secret society to undermine the devil? Why is He not landing in force, invading it? Is it that He is not strong enough? Well, Christians think He is going to land in force; we do not know when. But we can guess why He is delaying. He wants to give us the chance of joining His side freely. I do not suppose you and I would have thought much of a Frenchman who waited till the Allies were marching into Germany and then announced he was on our side. God will invade. But I

wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realize what it will be like when He does. When that happens, it is the end of the world. When the author walks on to the stage the play is over. God is going to invade, all right: but what is the good of saying you are on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream and something else -something it never entered your head to conceive-comes crashing in; something so beautiful to some of us and so terrible to others that none of us will have any choice left? For this time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side. There is no use saying you choose to lie down when it has become impossible to stand up. That will not be the time for choosing: it will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen, whether we realized it before or not. Now, today, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It will not last forever. We must take it or leave it.”

— **C.S. Lewis, The Case for Christianity**

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