



Go for God!

“BLESSED IS HE WHO IS COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!”

MATTHEW Chapter 21:1-17 & LUKE 19:28-44

As we come to MATTHEW Chapter 21 we find ourselves in the last week of Jesus' life, only days away from His crucifixion and resurrection. It is the time of the Passover; there are approximately 2 million people in Jerusalem attending this glorious ***FEAST OF PASSOVER***. During a census taken ten years after this time, the number of sacrificial lambs slaughtered at the Passover was determined to be some 260,000; one lamb can be offered for up to ten people.

> LET'S BE ALIVE WITH FIVE:

> ALIVE #1 – LET'S BE PEOPLE OF PROCLAMATION!

> (v1-9) BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

- The name JESUS means “***JEHOVAH IS SALVATION!***”

- “***HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!***” – SAVE NOW!!!

- **Let's observe four key events of Jesus *TRIUMPHAL ENTRY* into Jerusalem:**

(1) Zechariah prophesied the coming King 500 years earlier (Zechariah 9:9).

(2) We see the people spreading their garments on the ground in front of Jesus; this symbolized their respect and submission to His authority.

(3) Others placed *palm branches* (Jn. 12:13) in front of Him representing salvation and joy; in fact in Revelation 7:9,10 we read, *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

(4) We also hear the multitudes crying out (v9) “*Hosanna*” which means “*Save now!*”

- Unfortunately, these fickle people wanted Jesus to save the nation, but not their souls!

They wanted freedom from the Roman government, but not freedom from the slavery of sin!

They wanted a temporal heaven on earth, yet, chose hell for eternity!

People are like that, “Christ in crisis,” but not a committed to Christian life; beware lest we fall into the same delusion, for they crucified Him five days later.

- Let's look at Dr. Luke's account of this glorious day! Why is this day so special?

> ALIVE #2 – LET'S BE PEOPLE OF PRAISE!

> Luke 19:28-40 – IT'S TIME TO PRAISE THE LORD!

(v28-35) For the “*sure WORD of prophecy*” – Regarding the Messiah's triumphal entry on the foal of a donkey – Zechariah 9:9 (520 B.C.) – *Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

(36-37) For Messiah's "mighty works" – Jesus is the MIRACLE worker! – Healing the blind, lame, deaf, all manner of disease, raising people from the dead, feeding the multitudes, turning water into wine, walking on water, calming the stormy seas, casting out demons, offering the forgiveness of sin and eternal life!

(v38) The Prophetic "voice of the people" - *Psalms 118:25-29 - Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*

(v39-40) JESUS ROCKS! – Romans 8:22 – *We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth.*

(v41-42) "*This is your day . . . the time of your visitation*" – What is the importance of this day?

> ALIVE #3 – LET'S BE PEOPLE OF THE WORD OF GOD!

- Let's learn from the Prophet Daniel Ch. 9:20-27 – There are SEVENTY WEEKS (Weeks in Hebrew is *shabua* this word speaks of a seven-year period, 70 "7's" = 490 years) determined upon the nation of Israel.

- In verse 25 the prophetic COMMAND was given to Nehemiah on March 14th 445 B.C. (ref. Nehemiah Ch. 2:1-8) to restore and build Jerusalem.

- Daniel also tells us in verse 25 that the Messiah will be CUT OFF at the end of 7 weeks plus the 62 weeks (7+62 = 69 weeks (7's), 69 x 7 = 483 years, which calculates to 173,880 days.

- When you add the 173,880 days to March 14th 445 B.C. WHEN THE COMMAND IS GIVEN (using the 360-day Babylonian Calendar; Israel and Daniel were being held captive by the Babylonians) this will put us at April 6th 32 A.D.

- This is the DAY when Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a foal of a donkey and the people hail Him as King and Messiah, but He is CUT OFF (crucified) a five days later. Once again, we can trust the Word of God!

- What about that last week of Seventy Sevens, (69 weeks fulfilled through Christ's first coming) the last seven-year period (the seventieth seven) will take place after the RAPTURE of the Church when the GREAT TRIBULATION begins (Revelation Ch. 6 – 19).

- The GREAT TRIBULATION will be a seven-year period of judgment upon the UNGODLY; the Jewish people will be greatly hated, persecuted; because many will recognize that Jesus is their Messiah! These events are coming soon, Israel became a nation once again (May 14th, 1948) and anti-Semitism is filling the world.

(v43-44) Rejection of HIS VISITATION brought great devastation and destruction – "surround you and close you in" – This is precisely the method used by Titus when laid siege of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

> ALIVE #4 – LET’S BE PEOPLE OF PASSION!

(v45-48) – LET’S HAVE THE PASSION OF CHRIST!

> In 600 B.C. Jeremiah spoke of this event in the Old Testament – Jeremiah 7:8-11 - "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations'? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," says the LORD.

> ALIVE #5 – LET’S BE PEOPLE OF PRAYER & SALVATION!

- Happy is the home that is a house of prayer! What are the benefits of prayer?

#1 - Prayer PROTECTS us! – Matthew 26:41 - Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

#2 – Prayer PROVIDES for us! – Matthew 6:11 - Give us this day our daily bread.

#3 – Prayer produces PEACE! - Philippians 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

#4 – Prayer pierces His WILL into our hearts! - Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

#5 – Prayer PURIFIES our souls! – 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#6 – Prayer is the pre-requisite for great POSSIBILITIES! - Jeremiah 29:11-14 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

#7 – Prayer brings the power of SALVATION! - Romans 10:9-13 - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."