

SUNDAY NOTES 4-17-11

A TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

* In all of the four gospels the writers point out that Jesus entry into Jerusalem was a triumph entry. Let's read Luke 19:28-40.

* Why was Jesus so confident of his victory? Because he knew his divine plan in life. Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

John 10:7, 10(b), 14-15 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. . . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Even John the Baptist declared to the people the divine plan for Jesus. John 1:29, The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

* When we know, that we know, that we know God's divine plans for our lives, we can live lives full of victory by faith. II Corinthians 2:14, Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

* Jesus fulfills prophesy as he rides into Jerusalem on a colt. Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O 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. (Actually Jesus fulfilled 61 Old Testament prophesies.)

* Why were the people so excited, that they spread their "clothes in the way" and shouted "Hosanna" (Save *us* now)? John 12:13, (The people) took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. Before Jesus entered Jerusalem, he declared in Jericho, "This day is salvation". For centuries, the Jews believed that the Messiah would come to Jerusalem but they changed their thinking over the years from the need for a Savior to the restoration of Israel.

* When Jesus entered Jerusalem on that colt, the people were shouting praises saying, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." Praise is an expression of faith which produces peace. How much does the Lord love praise? In Luke 19:40 Jesus says, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." No stone or rock needs to take our place!

