

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of March 24, 2024**

### **THEME: "Triumphal Entry"**

#### **ENTERING JERUSALEM**

**Sunday ..... Read: Mark 11:1-11**

*"Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest."* The Jewish people, the nationality of Joseph and Mary, the family into which Jesus was born, were looking for their Messiah to be the King of kings. In keeping with that, when Jesus was entering Jerusalem, the people gave Him a royal reception, a triumphal entry. Their assumption was that Jesus would take the throne of David and be the King of kings to rule the earth. The Triumphal Entry was appropriate because Jesus was entering the city to accomplish the greatest victory ever. It was not a political victory, but a victory over the ultimate enemy of man: death. He would be crucified and then resurrected! From the eternal viewpoint, Jerusalem is the focal center of God's earth. Israel is God's chosen nation, and Jerusalem is her capital city from which Jesus, upon His return to earth, will rule during the coming thousand year reign.

#### **FULFILLED COMMAND**

**Monday ..... Read: Psalm 33:9-15**

*"For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."* The entire universe is at the beck and call of our God. When God speaks, things happen. He spoke and the world came into existence. God said in Genesis 1:3: *"Let there be light, and there was light."* As a result we have the sun, moon, and stars. Almighty God is a God of love. We read in John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* God hates sin, but loves the sinner. That love for mankind compelled God to come up with a way to forgive sinners without compromising His holiness. He did that by having His sinless Son be the sacrificial Lamb before becoming the King of kings!

#### **SAVIOR'S COMMAND**

**Tuesday ..... Read: Matthew 22:35-37**

*"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."* God's great command that supersedes any command ever is the command Jesus made in today's Bible reading: the love for God! Rightfully so, because God is love and would be honored with the love of people more than anything else. All the commands in the Bible are important and people do well to learn them and do them. The greatest is to love God and show it by worship and fellowship. It is one thing to say "I love God," but quite another to show it by actions. A love for God is proven by obedience. One way to demonstrate a genuine love for God is to demonstrate that love by worship: private and public. Taking time to read God's Word shows love. Speaking to God in prayer shows love. Love for God is the driving force of the Christian life. That love for God will result in a love for others.

#### **ENTRY**

**Wednesday ..... Matthew 21:8-11**

*"And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?"* The residents of Jerusalem were astounded by the crowds following Jesus into

Jerusalem. This entry of Jesus surely caught the attention of many of the residents of the city, to say the least. By the time Jesus returned to Jerusalem He had completed His ministry of preaching. That ministry of preaching had brought Him a huge following. Because the Holy Spirit inspired Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to record many of the conversations and messages of Jesus as He went about His earthly ministry, we are the beneficiaries of His words of wisdom! Jesus had earned the attention of many people in addition to the twelve that He had called to be His apostles. Needless to say, this entry into Jerusalem set the stage for His becoming, not the King of kings at this time, but to be the Savior of the world by the shedding of His blood to pay the penalty of sin for all the world. His entry was to be the perfect Lamb of God. His virgin birth and sin free life made Him that perfect human Lamb.

### **COMPLIANCE**

**Thursday ..... Read: Romans 5:15-20**

*"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."* The first person created by God to manage His earth was given just one command: "Not to eat the fruit of one certain tree." He could eat from all the others, but he and his wife finally ate of the forbidden fruit. That brought death into the human existence. All babies born of man and woman are born with a sin nature, a dead spirit. Jesus was virgin born, conceived by the Holy Spirit, so He was sinless at birth. He went on to live a sinless life. He, being sin free, was not subjected to that law of God mentioned in Romans 6:23: *"The wages of sin is death."* His death as a sinless human being, is accepted by our holy God as a sufficient payment for the sins of the world.

### **CITIZENSHIP**

**Friday ..... Read: Revelation 3:20-22**

*"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* The Son of God, the Savior of the world, the coming King of kings takes a personal interest in individuals. We see in this verse that he wants to get a person's attention. That knock of Jesus can be in a church service or class, a radio or TV program, Face book, YouTube, Rumble or the private witness of a Christian. However, the individual has to give a response. They may try to ignore the knocking of Jesus who is trying to get their attention. He wants to offer people the gift of eternal life that He paid for with His blood on the cross of Calvary. Asking Jesus in is the only way to heaven/ignoring the knock means an eternity in hell.

### **GREAT REUNION IN HEAVEN**

**Saturday ..... Read: Revelation 4:1-4**

*"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."* The first three chapters of Revelation give a quick view of the Church Age. This first verse of chapter one foretells the event that ends the Church Age and introduces the events to follow: the Great Tribulation. While the earth is experiencing God's judgment, believers are experiencing a great reunion in heaven! That call for believers to "Come up hither" is the call for the Bride of Christ to meet the Bridegroom, one of the titles for Jesus.