



2023-5783 The Year of Retribution, Recompense, & Payback –
“The Triumphant Entry of Jesus”

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Mark 11:1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; 2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. 3 And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' (we need to understand if the Lord instructs us to do something, we don't need the approval of anyone else to get it done) and immediately he will send it here." 4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. 5 But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" 6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So, they let them go. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' 10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David. That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So, when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11 begins the last chapter in our Lord's earthly life. Chapters 11-16 record the final week of that life. Mark devotes more than 1/3 of his gospel to what is traditionally called "passion week."

We see in our text scripture that Jesus for the first time in His recorded ministry history while here on the earth, that He is allowing Himself to be Honored as King.

Jesus' ultimate Goal was to be born for kingship of all creation, but the first stage of the process was for Him to come as a Lamb, so He could be the sacrifice that paid for the sins of the world.

God's plan was that Jesus would be the first of many royal members. **Revelation 19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Mark 11:1-11 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples.

If we noticed many times Jesus would send His disciples in groups, not one individual.

There are certain things that God wants to put in our possession and/or want us to accomplish, that we are not going to be able to do or acquire it on our own.

2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find- He told them as you follow my directions you will get results.

He told them to go to the village opposite them. Go to the other side.

Many times, we won't be able to have success with the familiar.

God will command us to go opposite to what we are accustomed to, and if we are going to attain it, it will be on the opposite side.



Things like this command, many times the disciples didn't understand what Jesus was commanding them to do, but they did them anyway.

John 12:16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Sometimes we are going to have to move without seeing the whole picture, we are going to have to trust God.

a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it.

But when you find it, you are going to have to put forth some effort so you can possess it.

Notice, the donkey was all tied *up*.

So many have found what God has for them, but they don't want to put forth the effort to obtain.

3 And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."

Sometimes the very thing God sends us after is being kept in the hands of someone else.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God.

Someone else had raised the colt, but all along it was for the disciples to possess it.

If you get any kick back in possessing it, Jesus said just put my name on it. ... **'The Lord has need of it,'**

Any resistance that we get when we are doing what God has told us to do, "Put His name on it"!

One of the most amazing statements in the Bible is found here in this verse. It says, **"The Lord hath need of him."**

When did God ever "need" anything?

Here is what God had to say about His Own needs, **Psalms 50:12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.**

So, anything that the Lord needs is at His choosing.

Jesus didn't need it because He couldn't provide it. He needed it because it was in the grand scheme of things.

What Jesus was telling them then, like He is telling us now, take possession of is what He already owns.

The reason a lot of us are not receiving what God has to put in our possession is because when we go to get it, we get it for us and not for the master's use.

4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it.



They followed the instructions of Jesus and got the results that He said they would get.

5 But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?"

6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So, they let them go.

When they face what could be opposition, they spoke the very words that Jesus told them to speak, those who owned it had to let it Go!!!

This is the authority we have when we speak the Word by faith, Results Will Always Follow!!!

Look at what God told Moses when he told him to go free the children of Israel from the Hands of the Egyptians. **Exodus 4:10-12 (NLT) But Moses pleaded with the Lord, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled."**

When God tells us to go and or do, find a way to eliminate all your excuses.

11 Then the Lord asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."

Sometimes we must ask ourselves, who ultimately made this situation, thing, or person that we are cautious, worry or afraid of.

Don't over think it!!! **Luke 21:14-15 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.**

As we go through life doing the things God has told us to do, He has already set everything up for success. All He needs us to do is go do it and attain it.

But before we go, we must make sure that it is settled in our hearts that, God said it, it is settle, and I'm going to believe it, and achieve it!!!

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.

After they had gotten the success Jesus said they would get, they invested their own strength and substance to see the process completed.

8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

They not only invested their own strength and substance to see the process completed but to be an example for others.

The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death.

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Jesus walked as the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. This spoke of His humility.

When a king comes in on a donkey it represents, He comes in peace.

He is the Prince of Peace.

He rode in on a donkey to signify that at the end of the Passion Week He would not only bring salvation to all of those who believe, but he would establish peace in them and around them.

John 14:25-27 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. (this world will try to give us assurance, but their system is broken. 1 Thess. 5:3 says when they say peace and safety suddenly destruction will come upon them)

The word peace in Hebrew means Shalom, nothing missing, nothing broken, everything complete.

Paul talked about this peace in **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; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

This is the peace that Jesus left for the church.

Mark 11:9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' 10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. ...

When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King.

That word actually means "save now,". But it can also be used to offer thanksgiving to God for salvation.