

MSG: TRIUMPH

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 21:1-11

SZN 1: RELATING LIKE JESUS

PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-11 CSB

“When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.” This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: Tell Daughter Zion, “See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

1. HIS ROYALTY EXPOSES OUR INIQUITY

CLOTHES - 

Zechariah 3:3-4 CSB

“Now Joshua was dressed with filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. So the angel of the Lord spoke to those standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes!” Then he said to him, “See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with festive robes.””

Isaiah 61:10 CSB

“I rejoice greatly in the Lord, I exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness, as a groom wears a turban and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

-Our sin, security, significance.

-Adam & Eve - wore the first clothes ever.

-CLOTHES = CLOUT

-He clothed us with His Righteousness.

2 Corinthians 4:14-18 CSB

“For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you. Indeed, everything is for your benefit so that, as grace extends through more and more people, it may cause thanksgiving to increase to the glory of God. Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

-Anytime God is bringing about His will in your life He will require you to stand up and own your position.

-He will reposition you in unfamiliar but better land...but you gotta stand up and own your shortcomings!

-You have to embrace the idea that God has healed you to help heal others.

-We are not all “finished”...not me or the one next to you.

Philippians 1:6 CSB

“I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Psalms 119:11 CSB

“I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.”

2. HIS HUMILITY EXTOLS OUR DIGNITY

PALM TREE 🌴

Ezekiel 41:18 CSB

“carved with cherubim and palm trees. There was a palm tree between each pair of cherubim. Each cherub had two faces:”

Psalms 92:12-13 CSB

“The righteous thrive like a palm tree and grow like a cedar tree in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they thrive in the courts of our God.”

Palm Tree - symbolic picture of a righteous woman or man. Our goodness is a result of a deep abiding relationship God.

Hebrews 2:5-13 CSB

“For he has not subjected to angels the world to come that we are talking about. But someone somewhere has testified: What is man that you remember him, or the son of man that you care for him? You made him lower than the angels for a short time; you crowned him with glory and honor and subjected everything under his feet. For in subjecting everything to him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. As it is, we do not yet see everything subjected to him. But we do see Jesus — made lower than the angels for a short time so that by God’s grace he might taste death for everyone — crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death. For in bringing many sons and daughters to

glory, it was entirely appropriate that God — for whom and through whom all things exist — should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying: I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; I will sing hymns to you in the congregation. Again, I will trust in him. And again, Here I am with the children God gave me.”

-We have dignity because of His Humility.

-You're standing out! THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE THING.

-It may feel lonely but God is with you.

-EMBRACE YOUR DIGNITY in Him!

-Daily we lay our lives down at the feet of Jesus. He in return makes us FAITHFUL, FLEXIBLE & FRUITFUL.

3. HIS TRIUMPH EXHIBITS OUR VICTORY

"COLT" - 

Exodus 13:13 CSB

“You must redeem every firstborn of a donkey with a flock animal, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. However, you must redeem every firstborn among your sons.”

-The Passover remembrance and celebration in Jerusalem had its beginnings in Exodus when God “passed over” all firstborn sons from perishing and the Egyptian pharaoh freed the Hebrews from slavery.

-The donkey (colt) is the only animal specifically called out in Scripture that is redeemed by a lamb. So too, are firstborn sons.

Jesus, the Firstborn Son of God, is the sinless, pure, only Redeeming Lamb; the One Who redeems both donkeys and men.

-Jesus rode a donkey (colt) to fulfill both prophecy and the law. In John 1:29, John sees Jesus coming to him and says, “Look, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!”

-A lowly Colt carried The Savior of the World as He rode into Jerusalem for Passover.

4. DON'T DEFEND YOUR OBEDIENCE

-GO WHERE HE SENDS YOU.

-Obey His instruction.

-He's already won the victory.

-So courageously walk in faith knowing that what you may encounter WILL NOT DEFEAT YOU.

-Don't try and explain "why" with people that have no clue.

-LISTEN AND OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS.

-GO WITH SOMEBODY ELSE.

Romans 3:4 CSB

"Absolutely not! Let God be true, even though everyone is a liar, as it is written: That you may be justified in your words and triumph when you judge."

1 John 4:4 CSB

"You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

Colossians 2:14-15 CSB

"He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him."

TRIUMPH!