

Questions Come Up

Three questions from two followers of Christ, and the only available answers.

In some distinct ways this Palm Sunday event was unique, but in some ways it was just "the next thing that happened." And so in some ways, it was like a lot of other events in the life of a couple of followers of Christ... and like a lot of other events, it raised questions. In some cases, questions with pretty unsatisfying answers, at least for the present!

ACT I, vss. 1-6

¹ As they approached* Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent* two of His disciples, ² and said* to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. ³ "If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here." ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied* it. ⁵ Some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission.

QUESTION 1: *Why do we have to do this?*

THE ONLY AVAILABLE ANSWER... *Trust and obey!* → FAITH

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

ACT II, vss. 7-10

⁷ They brought* the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their coats in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. ⁹ Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; ¹⁰ Blessed *is* the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!"

QUESTION 2: *Why are things so embarrassing?*

THE ONLY AVAILABLE ANSWER... ***Humble yourself!*** → **HUMILITY**

Luke 19:39-41 ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰ But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!" ⁴¹ When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it...

And His crucifixion was still ahead!

1 Peter 5:6-7 ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Romans 8:28-29 ²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren

ACT III, vs.11

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

QUESTION 3: *Why isn't God doing anything?*

And the crucifixion was still ahead!

THE ONLY AVAILABLE ANSWER... ***Just wait. He will!*** → **HOPE!**

Psalms 46:1-11 ¹ God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea...

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has wrought desolations in the earth. ⁹ He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 16:19-20 ¹⁹ For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.