

Lk 19:28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

19:29 And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples,

19:30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.

19:31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' "

19:32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them.

19:33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

19:34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him."

19:35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him.

19:36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

19:37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

19:38 saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

19:39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

19:40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

19:41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

19:42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

19:43 "For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

19:44 "and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

19:45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,

19:46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

19:47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,

19:48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

From today's sermon.

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The Lord is in need. This is another famous passage. The literal translation is, "The Lord (owner) of this ass is in need. God, who is the Lord of the world, is also the owner of the ass. For a time He entrusted its possession to man, but it is absolutely under the possession of the Lord God. Untie it, release it, and take it to the absolute owner. It is all foreshadowing the substitutionary work to free those who are connected to sin, that is, all human beings, from sin and release them from the possession of evil to God.

Good morning everyone. This is the first snowy morning in a long time.

We have been in the Passion Week since last week. Today is the part about the entry into Jerusalem. This is where the last week begins. Starting today, we will read about the Lord's Passion and Resurrection six times.

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19:30 "Go to the village over there. When you get there, you will see a colt tied to it, on which no one has yet ridden. Untie it and pull it.

19:31 And if anyone asks you, 'Why do you untie it?'

19:32 And when those who were sent went and saw, it was as they had been told.

They untie people's possessions and bring them to them, and they do so without asking for permission beforehand. This must seem somewhat strange.

You bring in something that you don't know belongs to anyone, without a meeting having been arranged. When the owner asks what he is going to do with it, the disciples are not surprised and say, "I am bringing it because it belongs to the Lord.

The disciples must have been half-convinced. They must have been a bit skeptical as to why they were being asked to serve such an extraordinary purpose.

However, the situation turned out to be just as the Lord had said.

Here we can get a clue to the riddle from the original Greek text.

The words, "The Lord is in need," translate directly to "The Lord/owner of the ass has a need.

What a reckless statement to say, "The owner of this donkey is in need," when asked by the owner. If you want to borrow the donkey, you should make it clear that the donkey belongs to you, and ask if you can borrow the donkey that belongs to you.

In this case, the owner of the donkey is saying to the owner, "The owner of this donkey..." It is as if he is trying to pick a fight with you.

But what do you think? Who is the owner of this young donkey? Certainly, it belongs to the person who has the parents of the donkey, who gave birth to the donkey in his own place, and who has raised it with great care. But what do you think? Considering who created and started this entire world, not only this donkey, but also all of us and everything in this world belongs to the Lord God.

These seemingly insane words, "The owner of this ass is in need," strike a heavy chord in our hearts. It resonates in our hearts as God's words.

This little donkey cub. He is not as fast as a warhorse, nor as strong as a lion. It is peace. It is the humility of the Lord. The Lord does not gain victory through battle. He does not return to the city on a white horse with the accomplishments of a mighty army. He does not come to strengthen honor and authority. He came as a servant, to give His life.

Matthew 20:25 Then Jesus called them to Him and said, "As you know, the rulers of the Gentiles rule over their people, and the great ones wield power over them.

20:26 And it shall not be so among you. But whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant; and whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant,

20:27 He who wants to be a leader among you must be a servant.

20:28 For just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

This One, this Owner of all things, makes atonement in exchange for His life and sets us free from the noose of sin and death.

Here is inspiration and joy. Here is victory and freedom. Here is praise and thanksgiving.

19:33 When they were untying the kid of the ass, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the kid of the ass?"

19:34 He answered, "The Lord wants it."

19:35 And they drew it to Jesus, and put their coats on the colt, and carried Him.

Why do you untie the ass's colt? By what means and by what authority can you set the child free?

For the Master of this child, the Absolute Owner, has need of him."

We, too, are sent to receive the command of this absolute Master to lead his people to the true Owner without fear or hesitation, like Moses who said to the great king of Egypt, "Let my people go," so that all may be freed from sin and death. For we are also sent to lead the people to the owner of all things, that we may deliver all men from sin and death.

Colossians 1:13 For he hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the dominion of his dear Son.

1:14 For by him we have redemption through his Son, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen race, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, a people for God 1

Peter 2:10 And that ye might recount the works of him that hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light, that ye might be witnesses unto him.

He is pleased to manifest His image with us and to reveal His glory. He uses us to manifest Himself with us. We praise His name because of His humility.

James 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren. Listen carefully. For God has chosen the poor of the world to be rich in faith, heirs of the kingdom promised to those who love him.

19:36 And as he went on, the people laid their coats in the way.

19:37 And when they came near the way down to the Mount of Olives, all the disciples rejoiced, and began to speak loudly to God about all the mighty deeds which they had seen,

19:38 "Blessed be the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and glory on high.

I remember that night of Jesus' birth.

Jesus was born on a manger in a stable, and as soon as the sign of humility and lowliness was spoken, that it was a sign, that it was a sign, the hymn of the angel echoed throughout the night sky and the earth.

Luke 2:12 And ye shall see a little child lying in a manger, wrapped in a cloth. That is the sign that will be given to you.

2:13 And immediately there appeared a great multitude of the heavenly host, and they were with the angel, and they rebuked God, saying, "This is the sign that is given to you,

2:14 "Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace to whom he will.

19:39 But certain Pharisees who were in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

19:40 He answered and said to them, "I say to you, if these men keep silent, the stones will cry out."

Habakkuk 2:11 For the stones will cry out from the stones, and the beams will answer them from the building.

The Lord, the Creator, cares for man to such an extent that He gives Himself to him, loses His life, loves him, saves him, and makes us the sons of God. The praise of man for this grace

will never cease.

19:41 And when he came at last near the city, and saw it, he wept for it, and said, "If thou wilt not come unto me, I will not come unto thee,

19:42 "If only you had known the way that brings peace in this day,..... but it is hidden from your sight now.

19:43 One day the enemy will build a fortress around you and encircle you, pressing in on you from every side,

19:44 And the day will come when they will overthrow you and your children that are in you, and will not leave one stone in the castle upon another. For you have not known the time of the coming of God.

19:45 Then he went into the temple and began to drive out the merchants,

19:46 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house should be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves.

19:47 Jesus taught daily in the Temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the chief men of the people wanted to kill Him,

19:48 But they could not lay a hand on him, because all the people were listening to him attentively.

Isaiah 56:1 The LORD says, "Be just and do justice. For the coming of My salvation is near, and the appearing of My help is near.

56:2 Blessed is the son of man that keepeth the sabbath day, and sanctifieth it not, and covereth his hands, and doeth not iniquity: but he that doeth thus, and keepeth it fast.

56:3 The Gentiles who are with the LORD shall not say, The LORD will surely separate me from his people. And the eunuch also shall not say, Behold, I am a withered tree.

56:4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuch, Keep my sabbaths, and choose that which pleaseth me, and hold fast my covenant,

56:5 And I will give him a sign and a name in my house and in my hedge, a memorial above sons and above daughters, an everlasting name that shall never cease.

56:6 And the Gentiles who are with the LORD, who serve him, who love his name, who are his servants, who keep the Sabbath day and do not profane it, who hold fast my covenant--

56:7 And I will bring them to my holy mountain, and they shall be enjoyed in my house of prayer; and their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar. For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

The Lord looked at His city, Jerusalem, and saw its disobedience, and He wept over the people who were indifferent to Him even though He had gone to such lengths to provide salvation for the entire people. All the people, including the chief priests, the scribes, and the chief men of the people, have disobeyed and gone away, not realizing the deep will of God the Father, and their eyes have become completely darkened as they do whatever they want, and they have turned the house of prayer into a den of robbers who are greedy for riches. The Lord said, "I prefer mercy, not sacrifice."

Matthew 12:7 If you had known what it meant, "I love mercy, not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the innocent.

12:8 The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

12:9 And Jesus left there and went into their synagogue.

12:10 And there was then a man with a withered hand. And the people, wishing to accuse Him, asked Him, "Is it permissible to heal a man on the Sabbath day?"

12:11 Jesus said to them, "If any of you has a sheep, and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not lay your hand on it and lift it up?"

12:12 Is not a man far better than a sheep? Therefore it is right to do good on the Sabbath day."

12:13 And Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand. So he stretched out his hand, and it was as good as any other hand."

Psalms 51:16 You do not like sacrifices. Even if I were to offer a burnt offering, You would not be pleased.

51:17 The sacrifice that God accepts is a broken soul. O God, you do not redeem a broken and contrite heart.

51:18 Do thy will, and be gracious unto Zion, and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem: for thou hast done thy will.

51:19 Then you will be pleased with righteous sacrifices and burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. 51:20 Then you will offer a bull on your altar, and it will be a sacrifice of righteousness, and a burnt offering, and the whole burnt offering.

Matthew 23:37 Yea, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which slayest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee. How often have I tried to gather your children together, as a rooster gathers his young under his wings? But you did not respond.

23:38 Behold, your house shall be forsaken.

23:39 I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the man who comes in the name of the Lord.

This is the time for us to seize the moment, to live in the will of the Lord, our true owner, and to do His work.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. God, who is our absolute Owner, you have delivered us from sin and death and set us free through the sacrifice and substitution of your beloved Son. Thank you so much for loving each and every one of your creatures, calling them by name as my beloved ones, and drawing them to yourself. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.