



He Obeyed the Father's Will

Matthew 21:1-17

Daniel 9:20-27

Luke 9:51-62

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- A genuine, deeper relationship with God.
 - ★ **Why is this important NOW?** Ignore God now, do not take Him seriously the consequences are GREAT.
 - ☆ When trouble comes, and it will come, He will not listen to and answer your prayers!! (Proverbs 1:24-29; Jeremiah 11:11; Micah 3:4; Zech 7:13; Psalm 66:18)
- Glorifying God in **ALL** that we do, say, and think. We glorify (praise; speak highly of; are obedient to) that which we treasure the most.
- Pursuing holiness.
 - First, and foremost, the pursuit of holiness is a sign that you are truly born-again. If there is no pursuit of holiness then there never was regeneration (being saved) and there will be no glorification (going to heaven).
 - Truly born-again Christians grow and mature throughout their entire life as a Christian. (Romans 8:29-30; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16)
 - The commands: 1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 12:14
 - How do you do this? Imitate GOD! (Ephesians 5:1)
- **Being** CHURCH - a BODY. (Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:4-5)
- "attaining to all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ" - Attaining to all the riches of **the glorious Gospel of God**.

He who says he abides in Him is obligated to walk just as He walked.

(1 John 2:6)

He Came to Do the Father's Will (John 6:38)

- (Philippians 2:5-8) Made Himself of no reputation, coming as a bondservant, humbled Himself, obedient to the point of death on a cross.
- (Psalm 40:7-8) He delighted to do the Father's will.

- (John 4:34) Doing the Father's will was His daily "food".
- (Matthew 26:38-39) "Not as I will, but as You will."
- (James 4:13-16) "If the Lord wills . . ."

It Was DETERMINED (Daniel 9:20-27)

- Zechariah was moved by the Holy Spirit (GOD) to prophecy this event **500** years before it actually happened! (Zechariah 9:9)
- Zechariah 9:9 comes at the end of an **awesome** prophecy of Alexander the Great! (Zechariah 9:1-8)
- GOD planned this entrance of Jesus on the 10th of Nisan **before** time began!
 - ★ NOT only was God fulfilling His Word through Zechariah but He was also fulfilling His "type" of the Passover sacrificial lamb that was to be brought into the home for inspection on the 10th of the month! (1 Peter 1:19-20; Exodus 12:3)
- How did God **know** that things would happen this way? How did God **know** of the events surrounding Alexander the Great's entrance into Jerusalem? How we answer this question will reveal much what we believe about God.
- God **knows** the future because the future was **planned** by Him and He moves history (with everything in it) to accomplish His purpose! (Ephesians 1:11; Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:9-10; Job 23:13; Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Proverbs 19:21; Daniel 4:35; Lamentations 3:37-38; Revelation 17:17; Hebrews 1:2-3)
- GOD does **NOT** look into the future to see what man will or will not do and then decide what He will or will not do. GOD CANNOT LEARN! GOD IS ALL-KNOWING!
- God is the **AUTHOR** and **EXECUTOR** of history. (Proverbs 16:9; Isaiah 46:9-10; Job 23:13; Ephesians 1:11; Acts 2:23; 4:28; Isaiah 14:24-27)

He Set His Face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)

- He set His face like flint to fulfill the Father's will. He demonstrated what a disciple does in doing the will of God:
 - **D**esire (Psalm 40:7-8); **D**etermination (John 4:34; Matthew 26:39; Mark 15:23); **D**iscipline (John 8:29; Hebrews 4:15); **D**iligence (Luke 2:49; Mark 1:38; John 9:4; Luke 19:10); **D**o (John 8:29; 14:31; 17:4)

He Gave . . . (Isaiah 50:5-10; John 10:14-18)

- **HE GAVE!!!**
- (Matthew 20:28) He gave His life to pay my ransom.
- (John 10:14-18) . . . (1 John 3:16) He laid down His life for His sheep.
- (Galatians 1:4) He gave Himself of our sins, that He might deliver us . . . according to the will of the Father.
- (Galatians 2:20) He loved me and gave Himself for me.
- (Ephesians 5:2) He gave Himself as an offering and sacrifice to God for me.

- (Ephesians 5:25) He gave Himself for His Bride, the Church.
- (Titus 2:14) He gave Himself for us, redeemed us (bought us, therefore, 1 Corinthians 6:20), purified us for Himself His own special people, who are now zealous for good works.

He Approaches Jerusalem (Matthew 21: 1)

- REMEMBER back in Matthew 20:17-19, Christ told his disciples that they were going to Jerusalem and why they were going.
- REMEMBER that He set His face “steadfastly” to go to Jerusalem to do the will of the Father. (Luke 9:51)
- REMEMBER Christ is the **LORD** of history. He comes to Jerusalem to lay down His life for His sheep! (John 10:15, 18)
- Jerusalem is filling to at least 2 million people for the feast of Passover.
- (Luke 19:29) “And **it** came to pass . . .” – “it” is the will, desire, counsel, plan of God. (Meditate on John 19:28 with Psalm 22:15; 69:21)

Exactly As He Said! (Matthew 21:2-3)

- Christ commands two of his to go find and bring to Him:
 - A donkey in the village opposite us. (Matthew 21:2)
 - The donkey will be with her mother. (Matthew 21:2)
 - The donkey will be tied up. (Luke 19:30)
 - The donkey will be one on which no one has ever sat. (Luke 19:30)
 - If anyone asks, “Why are you doing this?” answer them, “The Lord has need of it and **immediately** he **will** send it here.” (Matthew 21:3).
 - Though the donkey had never been ridden it bore its Creator without bucking! This “beast of burden” carried the “Sin-Bearer” into Jerusalem. (Isaiah 53:6, 11-12; 1 Peter 2:24; Leviticus 16:22; Hebrews 9:28)

Exactly As God Foreordained! (Matthew 21:4-7)

- (v. 4) **ALL** of this was happening to **fulfill** God’s Word.
- THIS DAY is not only a fulfillment of Zechariah’s prophecy but also Daniel’s prophecy in Chapter 9, verses 24-27.
- (Zechariah 9:1-8) is a prophecy concerning Alexander the Great’s conquering Philistine and his march into Jerusalem.
 - ★ Verse 1 – the eyes of all men are on the LORD! (See Hab 1:5)
- (Luke 19:39-42) Christ tells some Pharisees that they should have been waiting for Him, their Messiah, at the gate but it was **hidden** from their eyes. (See Matthew 11:25-26; 13:11; Isaiah 29:10-14; Romans 11:8-10; 1 Cor. 2:6-8)

A Fickle Crowd (Matthew 21:8-9)

★ LET US LEARN FROM THIS!

- The crowd laid their garments in front of Jesus as He rode towards and into Jerusalem.
 - This was a symbol of their **respect** for Him and their **submission** to His authority as king. (2 Kings 9:13)
 - They waved palm branches which were symbols of **salvation** or **deliverance**.
 - The crowd was caught up in the excitement of the feast of Passover (God delivering them from Egypt and Pharaoh) and with Christ riding into Jerusalem.
 - The crowd were calling out shouts of **deliverance** – “**Hosanna! Hosanna!**” which mean “Save Now! Save Now!” They were hoping that Jesus would deliver them from the Romans! They did not really want to be saved from their sins and their “religion”.
 - (v. 9) Hallel Praises (Psalms 113-118)
 - “Hosanna to the Son of David!” - most common messianic title.
 - “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” (Psa 118:24-26)
 - (John 12:13) “Hosanna! . . . The king of Israel.”
 - “Hosanna in the highest!” (Luke 2:14)

Who Is This? (Matthew 21:10-11)

- Their answer, “This is JESUS of Nazareth!”
- **WARNING**: This was a crowd who wanted Christ on their terms!
- The crowd was **IGNORANT** of who Christ was and what He came to do!
- They wanted a **SAVIOUR** (Deliverer) but they did not want this Jesus to lord over them. Just in a couple of days they would shout, “We have no king but Caesar!” (John 19:15) See Luke 19:14-17.
- One cannot have Christ as a Saviour if He is not **LORD**. (Romans 10:9-10)
- There are **MANY** Christs in the world today deceiving **MANY!** (Matt 24:4-5,11)
- Eternal life is **KNOWING** God and Christ. (John 17:3)

Why Did He Obey Did He Obey the Father’s Will? (John 6:38-40)

- He came to do the Father’s will. (John 6:38; 4:34; 17:1-4; 19:30)
- He came to give His life for and to give eternal life **ALL** those whom were given to Him by the Father. (John 6:39-40; John 10:27-29; 17:2-3)
- He came full of **GRACE** and **TRUTH**. (John 1:14)

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