

Perfect Love

series

“HE NAILED IT!” Part 1

The typical Palm Sunday message might focus on the opening scene as recorded in Matthew 21. Jesus and the Disciples were going to Jerusalem and stopped at Bethphage by the Mt. of Olives, just east of the City, where He told the Disciples to go into the nearby Village where they would find a colt for Him to use.

Matthew 21:8 *And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"*

The reason He came was to be the sacrificial Lamb for the sins of man. He accomplished three things by entering the City.

- **He entered the City not for the celebration. But he entered to defeat the power of sin in our lives.**
 - **Romans 5:18** *Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
 - **Jesus forever broke the power of sin so you and I could walk in freedom.**
 - Remember the three P's: **penalty, power, and presence.**
 - **Justification** is freedom from sin's **penalty**
 - **Sanctification** is freedom from sin's **power**
 - **Glorification** is freedom from sin's **presence**
- **He entered the City to end the rule sickness has over humanity.**
 - **Mark 7:27** *But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."*
 - This was a strong statement that Jesus made to this Syro-Phoenician woman that came to ask Him to heal her daughter.
 - **Isaiah 53:5** *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*
 - **Matthew 8:16** *When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."*
- **He entered the City to end the de-generational decent of every person.**
 - The fall of man was devastating. 5000 years of lost potential and relationship with the Father.
 - **Romans 5:14** *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.*

- **We no longer live life in a freefall to destruction the human condition.**
 - **1 Peter 2:24** *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.*