

THE MESSIAH IS HERE!

Matthew 21:1-11 SHOW THE VISUAL BIBLE

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:^{5a} "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."^{5b} ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna^{10a} to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"^{10b} "Hosanna^{10c} in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

I. WAITING ON THE _____ OF GOD

"Godly patience is a willingness to wait for God's timing." —David Wilkerson (The Complete Guide To Christian Quotations, 335)

Look through Biblical history. We see God making promises and eventually keeping them.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^{1a} and hers; he will crush^{1b} your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."^{1a}

2 Samuel 7:16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me^{1a} ; your throne will be established forever."

Luke 1:31-33 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Psalms 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

II. SURPRISING _____

Not that encouraging is it. These predictions are dark.

I love what one author said. She said, "New life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in a womb, or Jesus in a tomb, it starts in the dark." (Learning To Walk In the Dark, Barbara Brown Taylor, 129)

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

III. UNDERSTANDING THE _____

God always gets the last word and it's a better word.

John 3:16, 17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

THE BIG IDEA: TRUST GOD

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.^[a]