



Part 1: Victory in Surrender

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The historical prophecies:

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,
righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

– *Zechariah 9:9*

The fulfillment of the prophecy:

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey

The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his
feet until he comes to whom it belongs
and the obedience of the nations is his.
He will tether his donkey to a vine,
his colt to the choicest branch;
he will wash his garments in wine,
his robes in the blood of grapes.

– *Genesis 49:10-11*

and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

– *Matthew 21:1-11*

Truths About Victory & Surrender:

- The only way for a person to come to God is through surrender.

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. – *John 12:24*

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet lose or forfeit his very self? – *Luke 9:23-25*

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- When we surrender to God, we gain everything that matters.
- You can't will yourself to victory, you have to surrender your will.
- We have three options:

Keep the wheel (*a rebellious heart*)

Share the wheel (*a divided heart*)

Let go of the wheel (*a surrendered heart*)

Next Steps

If you have decided to follow Jesus but have never been baptized, don't miss out on this opportunity after Easter. Baptism classes take place on April 14 & 15, with baptisms the following weekend, April 21 & 22, during all services. Get all the details in today's program, the new CTK Life, and sign up today at the Connection Point.

Small Group Questions



- 1) What are your plans for Easter weekend? Do you have any traditions? Easter egg hunts? Watch the Masters Tournament?
- 2) Imagine yourself in the crowd in Jerusalem. Read the prophecies from Genesis and Zechariah. What are you hoping Jesus saves you from?
- 3) Read John 12:24. What is the loss for the seed? What is the loss for the farmer who plants the wheat? What is the gain for both? What is the application for you?
- 4) What is God calling you to surrender today?
- 5) What is keeping you from saying, along with Jesus, "Not my will but yours be done?"
- 6) How can we pray for you today?