

Matthew 21:1-11 (NKJV) ¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "**Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me.** ³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." ⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵ "*Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'*" ⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. 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!" ¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

He knew the conditions surrounding the people, and He knew the condition of the people's heart.

Luke 19:41-44 (NIV) ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "**If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-- but now it is hidden from your eyes.** ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, **because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.**"

Matthew 21:8 (NKJV) And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.

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John 12:46-48 (NKJV) ⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. ⁴⁷ And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Romans 5:8 (TLB) But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 6:23 (TLB) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The trial of Jesus showed His purpose. The death of Jesus showed His passion.

Isaiah 53:3-6 (NKJV) ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 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. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The trial of Jesus showed His purpose. The death of Jesus showed His passion. The resurrection of Jesus showed His power.

Romans 1:4 (TLB) and by being raised from the dead he was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God himself.

Romans 3:22 (TLB) Now God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us "not guilty"—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like.

Romans 6:4 (NLT) For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.