

# At the Crossroads: Entering a New Season of Grace

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*Luke 19:28-46*

- I. **In God’s timetable for the world, and for our lives, there are special times and seasons when our response to God can change the whole trajectory of our lives. For Israel, Palm Sunday was one of those times.**
  - A. What we know as “Palm Sunday” was literally the day of visitation for the Jews to receive their long-awaited Messiah-King.
  - B. On this day Jesus discarded His normal method of operating discreetly and received the praise of the multitudes.
  - C. There was great joy in the air, because Jesus had just performed some notable miracles, including the raising of Lazarus from the dead.
  - D. The prophet, Zechariah, prophesied hundreds of years earlier what the formal revelation of the Messiah would look like as Jesus sat on the colt of a donkey entering Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9; Luke 19:35-38).
  
- II. **In the crowd on this day were voices of praise (Luke 19:37-38) and voices of anger and offense (Luke 19:39-40), but few understood the true gravity of the day for the nation of Israel (Luke 19:41-44). Many became totally disconnected from God’s heart for them.**
  - A. Ecclesiastes declares, “There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3:1). The implication is that God oversees everything in a just way yet allows us to make our own choices.
  - B. When we discern what God is doing and adjust to it, we find ourselves flowing with God and receiving great blessing.
    1. The true revelation of Palm Sunday was a gentle Father (Matthew 21:5) offering His love and peace to His children (Matthew 23:37-39).
    2. Mary (sister of Lazarus) had a true revelation of Jesus the night before as she wiped His feet with her hair in worship (John 12:1-7). In contrast, the callousness of most of Israel sent them to their destruction.
  
- III. **We cannot ignore what Jesus is doing at the present time. Navigating this season requires faith, revelation, and tenderness. This is the day for giant miracles and wonderful grace.**
  - A. Covid 19 and the circumstances surrounding it have softened multitudes of people and opened them to the gospel. This is true for your next-door neighbor, and for many nations, including India (E.g., Elisha and the arrows, II Kings 13:15-19).
  - B. This is a new season for a fresh revelation of the Father’s love that sustains the core of your own soul. It is also a time for strong personal relationships to develop as we weather the storm together (Galatians 6:2; Proverbs 18:24).
  - C. This is a time for supernatural healing as we minister to the brokenness and pain of the world around us and receive great blessing in return (Isaiah 58:6-12).
  - D. This is a time for families to rediscover one another.
  - E. This is a time for standing for truth wherever it takes us.
  - F. This is a new day for the power of agreeing prayer (Matthew 18:18-20).

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