

The Triumphal Entry
John 20:1-16 (also found in Matthew 21, Mark 11 and Luke 19)
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Few quick observations:

- The crowd was big when they welcomed Jesus in. The crowd was big when they shouted “Crucify Him!”
- How quickly things can turn.
- Even Jesus’ disciples were confused (prophecy) until He was glorified, that is after the fact.
- The crowd was not there solely for Jesus, but mainly to see Lazarus (hearing he was raised from the dead).

This morning we are going to look at the prophecy of Jesus foretold and how that can encourage us of what’s to come and remind us to get in the game.

Verse 13 of our passage today is found here in Psalms:

*Save now, I pray, O LORD;
O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. Psalm 118:25-26*

Verse 15 is found below as well:

*O Zion,
You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem,
You who bring good tidings,
Lift up your voice with strength,
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Isaiah 40:9*

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9*

To prophesy is simply to speak prophecy. *Prophecy* is the noun, and *prophecy* is the verb. *Prophecy* at its most basic definition is “a message from God.” So, to prophesy is to proclaim a message from God. The one who does this is, therefore, a prophet. Although foretelling is often associated with prophecy, revealing the future is not a necessary element of prophecy; however, since only God knows the future, any authoritative word about the future must of necessity be a prophecy, that is, a message from God.¹

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/prophecy-prophecy.html>

There are thousands of prophecies already been fulfilled (right at 2,000) with about another 500 needing to be fulfilled. Listen to some of these prophecies (not in your notes) that Hugh Ross conveys.

Based on prophecy fulfilled and prophecy to come, what do I need to do?

Make sure I'm ready.

- **Do I know Jesus, that is, am I saved?**
- **Repent!**
- **Deal with issues – make amends.**

Make sure my family is ready.

- **Don't sleep on spiritual things.**
- **Focus on what is important.**
- **Pray.**
- **Actions speak.**
- **Your kids, like mine, will be on their own one day, what are we doing to get them ready?**

Make sure my "neighbors" are ready.

- **Who's your one?**
- **Catch a vision of lost being saved.**
- **Catch a vision of saved being churchied.**

Make sure my world is ready.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

Prayer Focus:

- **Am I ready for the return of Jesus?**
- **Are those closest to me ready?**
- **Are those around me ready?**