### Matthew 21:1-14

# The Triumphal Entry

1When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied *there* and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. 3If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5"SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,
'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,
GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,
EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'"

6The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, 7and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. 8Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. 9The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" 10When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" 11And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee." 12And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. 13And He \*said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a robbers' den." 14And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

## Matthew 21:1-14 NASB

- Behold, Your King is coming to you. **V5** (See **Isaiah 62:11**)
  - o (v9) Hosanna...to the Son of David
  - (v9) Hosanna in the Highest...this is involving heavenly worship...
  - Hosanna is an honoring declaration a worshipful proclamation.
  - Some scholars say it's meaning includes...save now!
  - o (v10-11) Who is this? It's Jesus!
  - (v10-11) The whole city was 'stirred'...the word means 'stirred up', agitated...it is related to an 'earthquake'...the whole city was 'stirred', including the enemy and his crew!

50And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. 52The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. **Matthew 27:50-53 NASB** 

25See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will* we *escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven. 26And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN." 27This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29for our God is a consuming fire. **Hebrews 12:25-29 NASB** 

• When the Lord moves, He does it on purpose with purpose.

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5to whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen. **Galatians 1:3-5 NASB** 

- "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil." I
   John 3:8 NASB
- "To undo, destroy, loosen, and dissolve, the works of the devil..." I John 3:8
   AMPC
- We will look at these three questions:
- 1. What are the works of the devil?
- 2. How does Jesus destroy the works of the devil?
- 3. How can I cooperate with Jesus to see the works of the devil destroyed in my life and family?

# 1. What are the works of the devil?

42Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. 43Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot hear My word. 44You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:42-44** 

According to John 8:42-44, the works of the devil are:

- 1. Deception
- 2. Confusion
- 3. Murder
- 4. Lies

**NASB** 

8All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. John 10:8-11 NASB

According to **John 10:8-11**, the devil works to:

- 1. Steal
- 2. Kill
- 3. Destroy

13Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and *so* lie against the truth. 15This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:13-18 NASB

According to **James 3:13-18**, the devil's works are:

- 1. Bitter jealousy
- 2. Selfish ambition
- 3. Arrogance
- 4. Dishonesty
- 5. Disorder
- 6. Every evil thing

Note: Three levels exist here.

Earthly Natural Demonic

By implication from **James 3:17-18**, the works of the devil are:

- 1. Impurity
- 2. Conflict
- 3. Harshness
- 4. Unreasonableness
- 5. Judgmental attitude
- 6. Hypocritical behavior

The Antithesis to v17-18

# 2. How does Jesus Destroy the works of the devil?

Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. John 12:31 NASB

You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. **Acts 10:38 NASB** 

## Acts 10:30

- 1. Anointing of the Holy Spirit
- 2. The Power of God
- 3. Goodness

13Now when Jesus heard *about John*, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard *of this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them *something* to eat!" 17They \*said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18And He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food*, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the crowds, 20and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets. **Matthew 14:13-20 NASB** 

### Matthew 14:13-20

- 1. Compassion
- 2. Healing Power
- 3. Meeting physical needs

1When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities. 2Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples 3and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" 4Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: 5the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. Matthew 11:1-5 NASB

#### Matthew 11:1-5

- 1. The blind are cured.
- 2. The lame walk.
- 3. The lepers are cleansed.
- 4. The deaf hear.
- 5. The dead are raised.
- 6. The poor hear the Gospel.

23Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. 24The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. **Matthew 4:23-24 NASB** 

#### Matthew 4:23-24

- 1. By proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- 2. By healing every kind of disease and sickness.
- 3. By delivering demoniacs.
- 4. By comforting the suffering and pain of life.

## 3. How can I cooperate with Jesus to see the works of the devil destroyed in my life and family?

Make God your focus, NOT the enemy.

28Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" 29Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." John 6:28-29 NASB

• Believe the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom. (John 6:29)

19Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. **John 5:19 NASB** 

Cooperate with God's transformation process. (John 5:19; Romans 12:1-12)

7Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:7-8 NASB

- Recognize the sequence found in **James 4:7-8**...Submit to God first, then resist the devil...draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
- Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and to touch you with His power. (I Corinthians 2:4-5)
- Believe the truth of I John 4:4, greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- We overcome the evil one by the authority and power of Jesus in us. We overcome evil with good...love is a mighty force!
- Your King is coming to you to rescue you from this present evil age and to destroy the works of the enemy.