

Do not ever mistake ...bad times, hard times, trouble, or trials, disappointment, as an end... as an indication that Jesus is not in charge...he is always in charge...  
*Isaiah 46:10 New Living Translation (NLT)* <sup>10</sup> *Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.*

*Revelation 21:6* *And he also said, "It is finished! I am **the** Alpha and **the** Omega—the **the Beginning and the End.***

- this means God literally controls the outcome of every situation....and his strategy is perfectly designed to ensure victory
- He foresees every situation, obstacle, problem and overcomes them all
- He completely understands the opponents and every device they will use and when ...and has already designed counters to them.
- **He controls the outcome** of everything to make sure it is aligned with his will...before it ever happens
- You would have to be in control of the visible and the invisible...what is seen and what is unseen
- Whose preparation and training of his people is individually and perfectly designed and implemented...

**This is exemplified in the leading up to Palm Sunday...or the triumphant entry into Jerusalem four days before he is crucified...**

- This narrative is so extensive and detailed and by all four Gospel writers that we in no way we can adequately explore it in one setting or for that matter many, many settings. So we will survey rather head on a couple of the events recorded.

Jesus from the beginning of his ministry had ongoing feud with the religious leaders of his day...and it goes like this...interestingly Jesus instigated the conflict...part of the plan

So we pick up the first incident...which sets the stage for the Pharisee decision to Kill Jesus...very early in his ministry...

Lets pick up the narrative as recorded in Mark chapter 3...

*Mark 3:1* *Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand.* <sup>2</sup> *Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' **enemies watched him closely.** If he healed the man's hand, **they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.*** <sup>3</sup> *Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone."* <sup>4</sup> *Then*

he turned to his critics and asked, “Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” But they wouldn’t answer him. <sup>5</sup> He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! <sup>6</sup> At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

- Jesus continues to reach out to them...trying to break through their stubborn hearts...
- Knowing they were looking for ways to judge him...to actually see if he would “work” on the Sabbath by healing someone...
- Jesus could have healed this man the next day...and thereby appease their strict adherence to their tradition.
- **But Jesus needed to teach his disciples that the time to help someone one...is when it is in your power to do it...people come before rules...**
- **They demonstrated this by leaving the Sabbath meeting and on that same day began to plot the murder of Jesus...which by the way Murder was explicitly prohibited in the Law they so hypocritically claimed to follow.**
- Herodians were Jewish religious sympathizers within the Herodian government...usually hated and denounced by the Pharisees...but in this matter they again prove it to be playmaking because now they join the same cause...
- This is a turning point in Jesus ministry...and from this point on He continually move to stay ahead of their plans ...until the time he designates his passing...so that he can properly disciple his Apostles
- Numerous times in the next two years...the Pharisee try to arrest or even kill him...john 10:39
- But it was not his time...people tried to appoint him King but it was not his timing...
  - Refusing it in John 6:15 7:30, 44 and other places saying “My time has not yet come” or simply withdrawing.
- **At this point I want to jump ahead a two years or so in Jesus ministry...when the hit is officially sanctioned by the high priest...the green light is given**
  - 1. It happened when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead...**

*John 11: 40 Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” 43 Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”*

*45 Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. 46 But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. “What are we going to do?” they asked each other. “This man certainly performs many miraculous signs. 48 If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation.”*

*49 Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time, said, “You don’t know what you’re talking about! 50 You don’t realize that it’s better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed.” 51 He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. 52 And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world. 53 So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus’ death.*

- **Caiaphas... A Roman appointee** **Annas was actually the heir to that role in the line of Aaron, Romans placed him there to keep tabs and keep peace.** His loyalty definitely divided between the Jews and the Roman occupiers. But he was the one with power...served 18 years
- **Raising a man from the dead became the final straw...in the minds of the religious elite...why?** **Everyone will follow him...and we will lose our place...** what did Jesus say...the greatest among you is the servant of all...
- But not only Jesus was green lighted...Lazarus also

*John 11:54 As a result, Jesus stopped his public ministry among the people and left Jerusalem. He went to a place near the wilderness, to the village of Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples. 55 It was now almost time for the Jewish Passover celebration, and many people from all over the country arrived in Jerusalem*

several days early so they could go through the purification ceremony before Passover began. <sup>56</sup> They kept looking for Jesus, but as they stood around in the Temple, they said to each other, “What do you think? He won’t come for Passover, will he?” <sup>57</sup> *Meanwhile, the leading priests and Pharisees had publicly ordered that anyone seeing Jesus must report it immediately so they could arrest him.*

### **Matthew gives us the details...**

*MT 26: 3 At that same time the leading priests and elders were meeting at the residence of Caiaphas, the high priest, <sup>4</sup> plotting how to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup> “But not during the Passover celebration,” they agreed, “or the people may riot.”*

- **They plotted to kill Jesus: before or after not during the Feast...Jesus always in control. the Passover lamb must die on the Passover..**
- **They did not find him until he allows himself to be found...Jesus is always in charge...**

*John 10:17 <sup>17</sup> “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”*

- **so Jesus goes to Bethany a days walk from Jerusalem.. And again Lazarus plays a role...**

*JN 12:1 Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. skip to verse 9*

*<sup>9</sup> When all the people heard of Jesus’ arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, <sup>11</sup> for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.*

*Word spread ...that Jesus was on the way to the feast...* **Jesus rides on the back of a donkey into Jerusalem to the cheers and jeers of a great crowd... an intentional confronting all with His claim to be the Messiah...the one from God who has come to reconcile man to God**

- **THE KING IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED**

*John 12:12 The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors 13 took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,*

*“Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!” 14 Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: 15 “Don’t be afraid, people of Jerusalem. **Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey’s colt.**”*

*16 His disciples didn’t understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him. 17 Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. 18 That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. 19 **Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There’s nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”***

- **Jesus is mission is the big picture...but take heart the details count also...Jesus riding on the donkey...the details speak volumes**

- **lets look at the donkey...All his life, Jesus had walked everywhere. But now he deliberately decided to cover this short distance on an unbroken donkey, one he would not ride again**
- **By so doing, he would be publicly declaring that he was the Messiah. on Sunday, Jesus and the disciples joined other pilgrims to go the remaining two miles to Jerusalem.**
- **Remember Jesus did not allow the people to publicly announce Him as The Messiah. until today....**
- **Luke gives us the details...**

*Luke 19: 29 As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. <sup>30</sup> “Go into that village over there,” he told them. “As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. <sup>33</sup> And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?” <sup>34</sup> And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.*

➤ **He rides a colt ...not broken in....never ridden before...he can control what no human can.... The Lord can control what you can't control**

➤ **Why did Jesus ride a donkey? There are at least three reasons.**

**\*\*\*\*First, it is a prophetic sign of the Messiah... The riding on the back of a donkey prophesied 500 years earlier...by Zechariah..**

**ZEC 9: 9 Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.**

➤ **The messianic sign was at once perceived by the crowds who hailed Jesus as their king " It is an acknowledgment that Jesus is the true Davidic Messiah and king.**

➤ **In Bible times, donkeys were a symbol of industry, peace and at times, wealth, while, horses were the sign of wealth, war, power and the strength of a military force.**

➤ **The fact that the colt had not been broken or trained to allow riders posed no problem for the King—the Creator of all animals. The colt submitted to his Master's touch.<sup>3</sup>**

➤ **Horse trainers would appreciate the illustration of Christ's touch being all that was needed to train this colt to navigate through a street of "obstacles".**

➤ **Jesus Christ's entry was a parade full of shouting, happy people waving palm tree branches and draping their robes along the path.**

➤ **For any horse trainer—we can appreciate the novelty of an untrained colt not shying from walking across strange footing, nor spooking at the noise and activity of excited people.**

➤ **For most horses, it takes years to learn to tolerate such a scene and to overcome the flight nature so instinctive for their kind. Yet, for the Creator Who instills in humans the knowledge to train animals, He can gain full trust from His creatures by merely a touch.**

➤ **This was the messianic sign at once perceived by the crowds who hailed Jesus as their king shouting, " Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!"**

- that is why the religious leaders told Jesus to stop the people from calling him the Messiah! This recognition is not lost on the Pharisees they understand the words and the symbolism..... The Pharisees did not share the crowd's enthusiastic acknowledgment that Jesus was the king of Israel, the Son of David and the Son of God.

*Luke 19: 39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" 40 He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"*

**they tell Jesus to stop them from calling you the King...the messiah**

- They demanded that Jesus rebuke the crowd, saying, in effect, "Jesus, you know that you are not really King. You are not really the Son of David.
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- Jesus did not quote others, but said, "I tell you . . . ." He did so because he is the Teacher. Jesus is the teacher we must pay attention to, for he alone teaches the way of salvation. **You guys are dumber than rocks...**

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*GE 22: 22 Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." 2 "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you." 3 The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."*

*6 So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,*

<sup>7</sup> Isaac turned to Abraham and said, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup> “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.... **another way of saying it God will provide himself as the offering...as John the Baptist tells us...**

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**The third reason is that King Solomon rode a donkey to his coronation on a mule/donkey that had once belonged to David it is the kingly animal in the kingly line of David...it carries the King in the line of David...**

*1 Kings 1:* <sup>32</sup> Then King David ordered, “Call Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.” When they came into the king’s presence, <sup>33</sup> the king said to them, “Take Solomon and my officials down to Gihon Spring. Solomon is to ride on my own mule. <sup>34</sup> There Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet are to anoint him king over Israel. Blow the ram’s horn and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’ <sup>35</sup> Then escort him back here, and he will sit on my throne. He will succeed me as king, for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah.”

- **Solomon comes in the name of His Father the Lord David King of Israel...riding on a Donkey to be declared the new King of Israel!!!**
- **After Solomon’s coronation the King’s would ride horses...so Jesus riding a donkey harkens back to the Davidic throne...**
- **and Jesus rides to his coronation as King...just as prophesied to Mary**

*LK 1:* <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the *Son of the Most High*. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

- **This symbolism is an invitation to see Jesus as He is, the Son of God. The King... in the line of David ....as usual his disciples did not understand all this**

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and neither will we understand all that is going on in our lives...But Jesus does.. They may not have understood his ministry then as well as they would after his crucifixion and resurrection, but they knew who he was, and we find ourselves in that same condition...

Jesus is in the details...he is the King of the big picture and master of the details...we can rest...in that...

So what have we got to worry about...we have a faith founded on fact....Jesus is in control...

and He also has the plan for yours and my life and in the times we live in. **so we can worship our King ...Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord**  
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<sup>3</sup> *Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.*

<sup>4</sup> *But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said,* <sup>5</sup> “That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.” <sup>6</sup> *Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself.* <sup>7</sup> *Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial.* <sup>8</sup> *You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”*

- **It is interesting to read that God commanded the Israelites not to gather horses unto their nation or to go to Egypt for them (**Deuteronomy 17:16**—the Israelites eventually disregarded both commandments; Solomon had thousands of horses, built cities that centered around his horse stables and founded a large industry of horse trade between Cilicia and Egypt).**
- **This horse restriction was for this chosen peoples' good. Israel was unique among the nations as they had the great Lord Jehovah to fight their battles.**
- **The Lord did not desire His nation Israel to trust in horses and chariots, as did Egypt, nor to turn to worshipping them, as did happen with the wicked kings of Judah in **2 Kings 23:11**.**
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So, Jesus Followed the prophecy in the details. All in accordance with Scripture. The leaders should have known it...and taught the people...and will be held accountable ... God is control and plans everything...

- Who promises ultimate victory and delivers every time

And it would lead to the question...How do I know you can do this? In order to insure the outcome of everything...

- You would have to know the future, to adequately prepare in the present.
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- **They had seen what Jesus had done. They had heard what he had taught. They had followed him to In the Name of the Lord to Jerusalem.**
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- **He comes to bring peace to the nations or world...peace between God and man**

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*"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"*  
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*LK 1:29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."*

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– *the disciples rejoice...--*

*LK 19:37* When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole **crowd of disciples** began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: *LK 19:38* "**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**"

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- **We can say confidently...blessed is the name of the King...**

*Others came rejoicing*

*JN 12:17* Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

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- today Jesus will set up his coming into the city at the exact time prophesied...he is in control all the time Not only does he control the invisible and visible...he is from another place...
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- It seems to be a prearranged agreement or password with the donkey’s owner.
- Deliberately set up to fulfill what the prophet Zechariah says in 9:9. *“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.*
  - *Donkey symbol of peace and Royalty...Warrior comes on horse. Solomon came on Donkey to be anointed King etc.*