



# THRIVE Devotional

## Week 16 – Lesson 1

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### Jesus Knows It All

Scripture reading Luke 19:28-31

*“Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.”*

The story of Jesus entering into Jerusalem is an amazing story for so many reasons. This story reveals to us the omniscience of Jesus Christ which means Jesus knows everything. Jesus spent three and half years ministering to the people in of Israel. He is totally aware of what is going to take place as He is about to enter Jerusalem for the last time. The news of His coming has spread like wild fire throughout the city. There are literally hundreds of thousands of people in Jerusalem. He knows that when they hear about His coming they will welcome Him with open arms. He also knows that in four days He will be taken away by temple guards, beaten, and presented to Pilate for execution. With all that knowledge, Jesus, our all-knowing, sovereign God, was willing to walk into Jerusalem. He did because He loves you and me and was willing to suffer an agonizing death to pay for your sin and mine. He was totally aware of what was going to take place. Jesus tells His disciples to go into the city and to a particular house with a donkey tied to it, waiting for Him. He tells them that someone will ask why they are taking the donkey. He instructs them exactly how to respond for the donkey to be released to them.

Not only, does God know about the big things in your life, but He also knows about the small things. The amazing thing is that He cares about them. I don't know what has taken place in your life this past week, but I want you to know that God does. Jesus cares.

If you will surrender to His control, He will use every circumstance you face to bring glory to Himself through your life. When He brings glory, your witness will THRIVE.



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## Week 16 – Lesson 2

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### Jesus Is Always Right

Scripture reading Luke 19:32-34

*“And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.”*

When Jesus told two of His disciples to go into town and find the donkey tied to a particular place, the disciples did not question Him. I have to wonder if I was in their place, what would I have said? “Lord, how do you know that? What if the donkey is not there? What if it does not work exactly the way you said it would work?” Many Christians spend their lives questioning, “What if?” instead of just trusting God.

Jesus knows what He is talking about. Jesus is always right! These two men by faith believed that Jesus knew what He was saying. They got up and walked into the city. They found all the things were exactly the way Jesus said they would be. Jesus knows the future. In fact, for those that obey God, He directs our paths. That is why it is so important that every single day we go before God and ask for His direction.

Today, many people get direction from the television, internet, and news media, but neglect to go to God Word’s and get direction from Him. It is important we learn to do this because as we do, He will direct our paths. He will direct us to share the Good News with specific people. He knows what is out there, and He wants to lead and direct you. Be in His Word. Surrender to His Spirit. Let Him direct your path. You will find that Jesus is always right, and you will THRIVE as you witness for Him.



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### Jesus Fulfills Prophecy

Scripture reading Matthew 21:4-5

*“All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.”*

Our Scripture reading is a direct quote from Zachariah 9:9, where the prophet predicted that Jesus would come in such a fashion. This prophecy was made four hundred years before the time of Christ. I love the fact that we can trust the Word of God. The prophets said that Jesus would come the first time. They told us the details of His coming and Jesus fulfilled every detail to the letter. For this reason, we can trust the prophets about the second coming of Jesus Christ. He will come again. He will receive us unto Himself. We will dwell with Him. We will rule and reign on this earth with Him. We will spend eternity with Him.

We can trust God’s Word about everything not just about the future. We can trust His Word about how to build a family. We can trust His Word about how to succeed in business. We can trust His Word on how to have love, joy, and peace in our lives. We can trust His Word and direction when it comes to telling other people about Him. Everything the Word of God said about Jesus is true. Therefore, everything the Word of God says about your life can be trusted. Jesus fulfilled prophecy and Jesus wants to fulfill His Word in your life.

Surrender to Him and ask Him to control you. You will see God work a divine work in your life and you will THRIVE as you share His truth with others.



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## Week 16 – Lesson 4

### The Disciples Declared Him

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Scripture reading Luke 19:35-38

*“And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.”*

As Jesus entered into Jerusalem, His disciples were excited. They were thrilled to see their King, Lord, and Master, finally placed in a position of honor. Throughout Christ’s three and a half year ministry, there were several times that people wanted to make Him king but Jesus walked away from it. Now, the disciples see Jesus being elevated to a place of recognition, and they publicly praise Him.

Today, as His disciples, you and I have the responsibility to declare the Lord Jesus Christ. Declare that He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Declare that He is the God of the universe. Declare that salvation comes only through Him. God’s plan for world evangelism is not through the television, iPhones, or internet. God’s plan for evangelism is one on one personal contact. Throughout His ministry, Jesus sent His disciples out by two’s to share the truth of the Gospel. After His Resurrection, the disciples went into all the world preaching the Gospel. The Book of Acts records their adventures. 2 Corinthians 5:20 says, *“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ.”*

Just as the disciples announced Christ entering Jerusalem, let me encourage you today to share Christ wherever you go and in whatever you do. Carry Gospel tracts. Invite people to your church this week. Follow the example of these disciples. Get excited about your Savior because He truly reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords today. When we recognize this and declare Him for who He is then our lives will THRIVE.



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### Week 16 – Lesson 5

#### Satan Hates It When We Witness

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Scripture reading Luke 19:39

*“And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.”*

Satan will use every trick in the book to keep you from telling others about Jesus Christ. In our passage, today, the Pharisees came to Jesus and asked Him to stop His people from proclaiming that He was the Master, the one sent from God.

When you determine to be a witness, Satan will whisper in your ear that nobody really wants to hear what you have to say about Christ. Several years ago, I went to the door of a gentleman’s house. His name was Don. A friend of his had asked me to stop by and share Christ with him. When I knocked on Don’s door, he opened the door with an angry look on his face. Satan whispered in my ear, “This is the meanest man on the planet and he does not want to hear what you have to say.” Don kept the angry look on his face the entire time I talked to him about Jesus. Frankly, I thought, “I just want to do my duty and get out of here, because he does not want me to be here.” However, to my surprise, when I finished sharing the Gospel with him and asked if he understood, he said, “Yes.” I asked him if he would like me to lead him in a prayer to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. He said, “I need to do that.” He bowed his head, closed his eyes, and asked Jesus to give him eternal life. After I left, he went to his liquor cabinet and emptied all of his liquor into his kitchen sink. His wife came out and asked, “What are you doing?” He told her he had just gotten saved. She came to church the next week to find what had happened to her husband, and she got saved as well. I am sure glad I did not listen to Satan when he told me, I do not need to declare the truth about Jesus.

Satan hates it when you witness. Do not listen to him. Determine to declare God’s truth and you will THRIVE as a witness for Christ.



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### Week 16 – Lesson 6

#### Jesus Wants to Use You to Proclaim His Truth

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Scripture reading Luke 19:40

*“And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, **the stones would immediately cry out.**”*

I have always been a slow reader. I have looked over speed reading courses and attempted speed reading, but alas, my reading skills are limited. For that reason, I have for years listened to the Bible through different audio resources. Years ago, my uncle had the Bible on record. In the 1980s, the Bible was made available on cassette tapes. I had several copies of the Bible on cassette tapes and would give them out to people periodically.

I found a place in Las Vegas that manufactured cassette tapes of the Bible. One day, while visiting the man who produced these tapes, he said, “You know when you listen to the Bible on tape, you are actually fulfilling Bible prophecy.” I said, “Why is that?” He said, “Jesus said the stones would cry out. The tape that you listen to the Bible on is made out of crushed stone. So it looks like Jesus knew what He was talking about.” What an amazing thing when God can use crushed stone in the form of a tape to proclaim His truth.

His message will be declared. His vehicle of choice to deliver the message of His Good News is your mouth and mine. I am thankful for radio ministries, television ministries, and audio ministries. I am thankful for the use of the internet, but God wants you and me to be a witness. God wants you to share what He has done in your life. During this season, when we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, do not let Satan hinder you. Do not wait for Jesus to make the rocks cry out. You be the vehicle to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those around you. Invite somebody to your church. Tell them about your Savior. Let your light shine for Christ and your life with THRIVE.