



Fulfilled

a study of the Gospel of Matthew



From Transfiguration to Triumphal Entry - Sunday

- Jesus came to Jerusalem in peace and humility to fulfill:
 - Prophecy
 - Passover
 - People







Fulfilling prophecy

“Look, the Lord has proclaimed to the ends of the earth, ‘Say to Daughter Zion: Look, your salvation is coming, His reward is with Him and His gifts accompany Him.’”

– Isaiah 62:11



Fulfilling prophecy

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

- Zechariah 9:9



Fulfilling people

- God wants to use you to further His kingdom
 - Do just as Jesus directs
 - Are you generous or greedy with your attention, resources, and time?
- Giving God your all will fulfill your heart's desires (Ps. 37:4)



Fulfilling prophecy – save now!

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

– Matthew 21:9

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!” – John 12:13

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

– Mark 11:9-10

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!” – Luke 19:38



Victory song of Passover

“Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless
you.” – Psalm 118:25-26



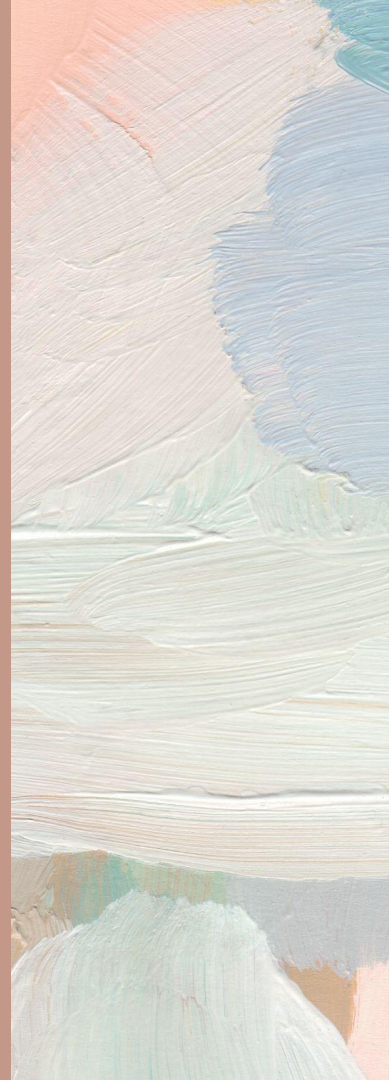
Passover - Exodus 12:1-7

“The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ...Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they must each select an animal of the flock according to their fathers’ households, one animal per household... You must have an unblemished animal, a year-old male; you may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembly of the community of Israel will slaughter the animals at twilight. They must take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat them.”



Passover - Exodus 12:12-14

“I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and strike every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. I am Yahweh; I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. **The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. You are to celebrate it throughout your generations as a permanent statute.”



Passover - Revelation 12:7-11

“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Messiah have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, the one who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown out. They conquered him **by the blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony, for they did not love their lives in the face of death.”



Victory in Passover fulfilled

- We have the victory in Christ because He was the sufficient sacrifice that defeated sin, shame, and death once and for all
 - Our victory is first spiritual and will ultimately also be physical, mental, relational, financial, political



Victory in Passover fulfilled

“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” - Hebrews 9:27-28



Victory in Passover fulfilled

“But in the sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins ...

He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had **offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by **a single offering** he has perfected **for all time** those who are being sanctified.”

– Hebrews 10:3-4, 9-14



Victory application

- Wrong expectations of Jesus and misuse of His Word will cause you to miss Jesus
 - The religious leaders were spiritually blind because they sought political power not spiritual peace



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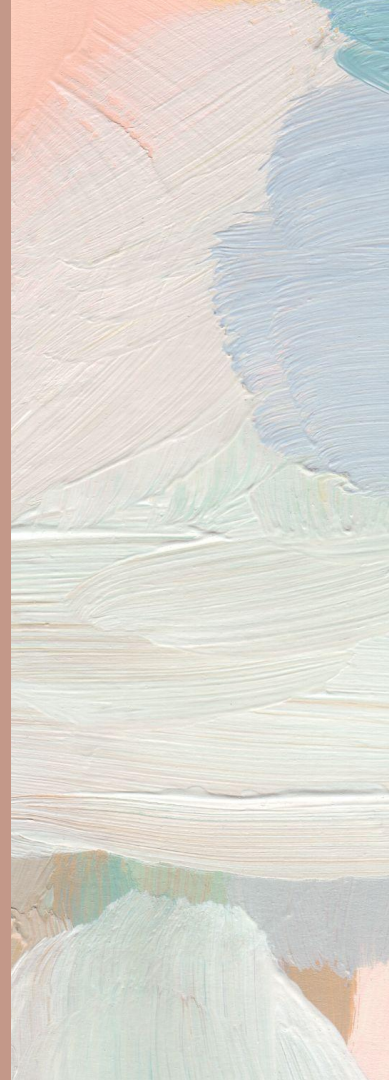
- Jesus came to Jerusalem in peace and humility as the servant King but will return in power and glory as the conquering King



Revelation 19:11-16

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns... his name is the Word of God ... Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations... He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”



Cleansing the Temple – Monday

- Just as Jesus sought to purify the physical temple, He seeks to purify the spiritual temple of our hearts
 - The temple, then and now, should be for prayer, people, power, and praise



Cursing the Fig Tree

- As we abide in Christ, we will produce fruit of His Spirit that marks an authentic faith



Rejecting His Authority

- Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth because He is God
 - Religious leaders and Jewish people lacked repentance and rejected God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



Rejecting His Invitation

- The wedding banquet foreshadows the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
 - It symbolizes the invitation to, not the consummation of the Kingdom
 - All are invited, few chose to come
 - We are accepted by Christ's robe of righteousness worn by faith



Imputed Righteousness

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” Isaiah 61:10



Rejecting His Authority, inspecting the Lamb of God

- There are numerous ways the Jewish religious leaders and people then, and we today, can question *and* reject Jesus:
 - Politically - question on taxes
 - Doctrinally - question on resurrection
 - Ethically - question on law



Authenticating His Authority

- Jesus as Messiah, King of kings and Lord of lords, is both the son of David (human) and the Son of God (divine)

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star.” – Rev. 22:16



So what? ... Reflections:

- Are you joyfully submitting to the authority of God in your life?
- Are you placing anything above Jesus?
- Are you inviting others into God's glorious and eternal kingdom?



Matthew 23 – Woah to the Woes

- Practice God's word in humility and integrity
 - Look for ways to serve
 - Seek to honor God and others over yourself
 - Give all credit to God





Matthew 23 - Woah to the Woes

- Grace and gratitude combat legalism



Blessed

Matthew 5

v3 Poor in spirit enter kingdom of heaven

v4 Comfort mourners

v5 Humble inherit the (new) earth

v6 Hunger for holiness

v7 Merciful

v8 Pure in heart

v9-12 Peacemakers & Persecuted enter kingdom of heaven as children of God

Rebuked

Matthew 23

v13 Rich in hypocrisy shut up kingdom of heaven

v.14* Exploit mourners

v15 Proud send souls to hell

v16-22 Hunger for greed and glory

v23-24 Merciless

v25-28 Defiled in heart

v29-32 Oppressors & Persecutors shut out from kingdom of heaven as children of Satan

Matthew 23 – Woah to the Woes

- Respond to hypocrisy (yours and others) in lament and prayer
 - Ask God to reveal and heal places in your heart where there is a disconnect between what you are practicing and His Word

