**R1054 - Rumination for Apr. 13, 2025**

The **T**heme: **Jerusalem Day** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem…* Lk. 13:34

The **T**hots:

The day Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey is **C**ommemorated as **Palm Sunday** in the **C**hristian **C**alendar. It marks the **C**ommencement of Holy Week, which leads up to **C**hrist’s Resurrection Day.

In **2025**, **Resurrection Day** falls on **April 20**. Therefore, **Palm Sunday** is today **April 13, 2025.**

1. **God’s Possession Of Jerusalem.**
2. God’s **C**hoice of Jerusalem to be His **C**apital.
3. *I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name might be there;* II Chr. 6:6a
4. *He hath desired it for His habitation. For the Lord has chosen Zion,*

*He has desired it for His dwelling, saying,* *This is My rest for ever:*

*here will I dwell; for I have desired it.* Psa. 132:13-14

1. God’s **C**ovenant with Israel to be His **P**eople and David to be their King.
2. The **R**uler: *and have* ***C****hosen David to be over My people Israel.* II Chr. 6:6b
3. The **R**easons*:* Deut. 7:7, 8

*The LORD did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number*

*than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:*

*But because the LORD loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

1. **God’s Presence and People in Jerusalem**
2. Jerusalem to be God’s Holy City: Psa. 48:1, 2

 *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.*

 *Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north,*

 *the city of the great King.*

1. In Jerusalem to be God's Holy Sanctuary. Ezra 1:3

*Who is there among you of all His people? His God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem,*

*which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (He is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.*

1. **The People in Jerusalem would Murder the Messiah. Matt. 16:21**

 *From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples…*

1. His **P**lan *- how that He must go unto Jerusalem,*
2. His **P**urpose - *and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,*

He would Die, Be Buried and…

1. His **P**rospect **-** *and be raised again the third day.*
2. That **P**rophecy might be **F**ulfil cf. **P**auls writing to the **C**hristians at **C**orinth: I Cor. 15:3, 4

*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received,*

*that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, And that He was buried,*

*and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

1. **Thus, the Palm Sunday Procession into Jerusalem:**

**J**esus' triumphal entry into **J**erusalem—a significant moment described in all four Gospels:

1. The **J**ourney to **J**erusalem Matt. 21:1-11; Mk. 11:1-11; Lk.19:28-44; Jn. 12:12-19
2. Two **D**isciples’ **S**ent to **F**ind a **D**onkey/Colt that had never been ridden. Mt. 21:1-3
3. This **D**irectly **F**ulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. Mt. 21:4-5

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

1. The **D**isciples **D**iscovered the **D**onkey as Jesus **D**escribed and brought it to Him. Mt. 21:6, 7
2. The **M**essiah’s **M**arch into Jerusalem.
3. Jesus **P**araded into Jerusalem on the donkey. Mt. 21:8
4. The **P**rocession of a large crowd laying their cloaks and **P**alm branches on the road to welcome Him.
5. The **P**eople shouted: *"****H****osanna to the Son of David!"* Mt. 21:9

*"Blessed is* ***H****e who comes in the name of the Lord!"; "Hosanna in the* ***H****ighest* ***H****eaven!"* 21:9

1. They **P**raised *Jesus* as *the* ***P****rophet of Nazareth of Galilee.* Mt. 21:10, 11
2. **The Prophetical Prospects of Jerusalem:**
3. The Lord’s **P**erspective of the **P**rospective **P**resent for Jerusalem: Mt. 23:37

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee,*

*how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens*

*under her wings, and ye would not!*

1. **Jerusalem in Great Retribution (Tribulation):** **Zech 12:2**
2. *Behold, I will make* ***Jerusalem*** *a cup of trembling unto all the people round about,*

 *when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against* ***Jerusalem****.*

1. *And in that day will I make* ***Jerusalem*** *a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.* 12:3
2. *On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make* ***Jerusalem*** *an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.*
3. *And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of* ***Jerusalem*** *shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.* 12:5
4. *For I will gather all nations against* ***Jerusalem*** *to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.* 14:2
5. **Jerusalem Rescued and Reinstated**
6. *In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and* ***Jerusalem*** *shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in* ***Jerusalem****.* 12:6
7. *The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David*

*and the glory of the inhabitants of* ***Jerusalem*** *do not magnify themselves against Judah.* 12:7

1. *In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of* ***Jerusalem****; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.* 12:8
2. **The Residents in Jerusalem Revenged and Repented:**
3. *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against* ***Jerusalem****.* 12:9
4. *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of* ***Jerusalem****, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him*

*as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.* 12:10

1. *In that day shall there be a great mourning in* ***Jerusalem****, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.* 12:11
2. **The Return of the Messiah to Jerusalem** **Zech. 8:3**

*Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of* ***Jerusalem****:*

*and* ***Jerusalem*** *shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.*

1. *And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.* 14:4
2. *And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from* ***Jerusalem****; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.* 14:8
3. *All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of* ***Jerusalem****: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin’s gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king’s winepresses.* 14:10
4. **The Reign of Christ over Jerusalem during the Millennium.**
5. *And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but* ***Jerusalem*** *shall be safely inhabited.* 14:11
6. *And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against*

***Jerusalem****; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.* 14:12

1. *And Judah also shall fight at* ***Jerusalem****; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.* 14:14
2. *And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against* ***Jerusalem*** *shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.* 14:16
3. *And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto* ***Jerusalem*** *to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.* 14:17
4. *Yea, every pot in* ***Jerusalem*** *and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.* 14:21
5. **Presenting the New Jerusalem from Heaven! Rev. 21:22, 23**
6. *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city,*

*the* ***holy Jerusalem****, descending out of heaven from God.* Rev. 21:10

1. *“I saw the Holy City, the* ***New Jerusalem****, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride*

*beautifully dressed for her husband.”* Rev. 21:2

1. *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it*. Rev. 21:22
2. *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.* Rev. 22:23

**Conclusion: Heb. 12:22, 23**

*But ye are come unto mount* ***Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,***

*and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn,*

*which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*

*Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;*

*Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord*

*And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.*

*We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;*

 *We’re marching upward to Zi­on, The beautiful city of God.* Isaac Watts

**Points To Ponder: *T****oday, Jerusalem is* ***B****esieged;* ***T****omorrow, Jerusalem will be* ***B****eautiful and* ***B****lissful.*