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**John 12:1-50 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

<sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

<sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

<sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

<sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

<sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

<sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,

<sup>11</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

<sup>17</sup> 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!"

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.

<sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

<sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

<sup>25</sup> The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

<sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

<sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

<sup>32</sup> But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

<sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going.

<sup>36</sup> Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

<sup>37</sup> Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.

<sup>38</sup> This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

<sup>39</sup> For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

<sup>40</sup> "He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn--and I would heal them."

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

<sup>42</sup> Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;

<sup>43</sup> for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

<sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me.

<sup>45</sup> When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me.

<sup>46</sup> I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

<sup>47</sup> "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.

<sup>48</sup> There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

<sup>49</sup> For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.

<sup>50</sup> I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

### **Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> 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.

### **Psalms 118:26 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

### **Luke 19:28-44 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of

Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

<sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

<sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.

<sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

<sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> 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:

<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

<sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

<sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes.

<sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.

<sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

### **Luke 24:25-27 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

<sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"

<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

### **Psalms 72:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

### **Psalms 89:35-37 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness-- and I will not lie to David--

<sup>36</sup> that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun;

<sup>37</sup> it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."

Selah

### **Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice

and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

### **Isaiah 53:1-12 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

<sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

### **Isaiah 6:1-10 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and

exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

<sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

<sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

<sup>9</sup> He said, "Go and tell this people: "'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.'

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."