

THE ROAD TO HOPE

3/28/10

Mat. 21:1-11

1. HOPE IS TRUSTING GOD'S *PLAN*. (vs. 1-3)

“If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.” (v. 3 NLT)

- A. It Reveals the *Courage* of Jesus.
- B. It Reveals the *Calm* of Jesus.
- C. It Reveals the *Calling* of Jesus.

“strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” (3:15)

2. HOPE IS TRUSTING GOD'S *PURPOSES*. (vs. 4-6)

“This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said: ‘Tell the people of Israel, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey---riding on a donkey’s colt.’”

God’s ultimate goal for your life is not your comfort but your character.

- A. There is Hope in *Failure*.

The affects of the cross only lasted three days, but the affects of the empty tomb will last for eternity.

He is the Christ of the second chance!

- B. There is Hope in *Fear*.

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10 NLT)

“Don’t dread life because of your circumstances. Don’t be afraid of unfamiliar surroundings away from the security of what you know. I am your God; and I am with you in spite of everything!”

C. There is Hope in the *Future*.

Hope is the key to living life expectantly knowing that Christ is in control.

3. HOPE IS TRUSTING GOD'S *PROMISES*. (vs. 7-11)

“Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, ‘Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!’”

A. *Take Hold* of Your Dream.

Fulfilling God's purpose and plan for your life has nothing to do with luck. God has never been limited by your circumstances.

B. *Believe* in Your Dream.

C. *Never Doubt* God's Purpose For Your Life.

Doubt robs a lot of people of their dreams.

D. Never *Give Up* on Your Dream.

E. Never Place *Limits* on Your Dream.

“The one who breaks open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it.” (Micah 2:13)

They words mean to break out of the self imposed limitations.