

# Victory Over Despair and Discord

## A. The Setting

*“On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. . .” John 12: 12*

1. It was \_\_\_\_\_
2. That Explains Why There was a \_\_\_\_\_
3. That Explains Why They Could \_\_\_\_\_

## B. The Symbols

*“. . . took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to cry out, “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel. And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it, as it is written. . .” John 12: 13-14*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ -What They Saw and \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ -What They Saw and \_\_\_\_\_
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ -What They Saw and \_\_\_\_\_

## C. What They Symbolized Back Then

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ symbolized \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ symbolized \_\_\_\_\_

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your king is coming to you. He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9: 9*

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ symbolized \_\_\_\_\_  
*“O Lord, so save, we beseech Thee!” Psalm 118: 25*

## D. What They Symbolize Today

### 1. I don't have to live in \_\_\_\_\_

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world and this is the victory that has overcome the world---our faith.” 1 John 5: 4*

### 2. I don't have to live in \_\_\_\_\_

*“And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4: 7*

### 3. I don't have to live in \_\_\_\_\_

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1Peter 1: 3*

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

### **Brief daily Bible studies based on this week's message**

#### **This week's memory verse:**

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#### **Monday**

What is one point about victory over despair and discord that you learned from last weekend's sermon?

In what ways are you struggling to have victory over despair or discord in your life? How can you apply what you learned last weekend to your life this week?

Read Psalm 42. How do you relate to this Psalm. What does it teach you about facing discouragement?

*Thank God today for the hope that is found in Him. Thank Him for the fact that He walks with you each day - through each moment of joy and despair. Pray that you will grow in grace and in the knowledge of Him this week.*

## **Tuesday**

Read John 12:12-19. What did you learn about the triumphal entry this last weekend? How does it demonstrate victory over despair and discord?

When did you first believe that Jesus is your King? What type of King has He been in your life?

We don't have the opportunity to wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna" but how can you worship and honor Jesus, your King, this week?

*Thank God today for being your loving, benevolent King. Spend some time worshipping Him today simply for who He is. Ask Him to give you a humble spirit.*

## **Wednesday**

Read Psalm 3:3; 18:35 & 1 John 5:4. How are you feeling defeated right now?

What do these verses say about victory over the feelings of defeat?

How can you apply these verses to your life this week?

How can believing in the victory you have in Christ impact your life?

*Thank God today for the victory you have in Christ. Talk to Him about the areas where you're struggling with defeat. Ask Him to remind you throughout the day to apply the truth of the verses you read today. Pray that you'll walk in confidence - in His victory.*

## **Thursday**

Read John 14:26-27, Philippians 4:7 & Colossians 3:15. In what areas of your life are feeling a lack of peace?

What do these verses tell you about the peace found in Christ?

How does resting in the peace of Christ help you when you feel restless in life and relationships?

Specifically, how can the peace of God impact your relationships this week?

*Thank God today that you don't have to live in discord. Thank for the peace you can experience in Him regardless of your circumstances. Talk to him about the areas where you're struggling with feeling peaceful. Pray that you'll apply His peace to your life this week.*

## **Friday**

Read Isaiah 40:30-31, Psalm 42:1; 71:14, 1 Peter 1:3. What is your biggest struggle with despair right now?

How can a sense of despair impact your life? How does hope change that?

How do these verses give you courage and hope?

*Thank God today for the hope you have in Him.*

## **Saturday**

Today polish up that memory verse. Please pray for services this weekend, that God's presence would be sensed in a powerful way.