

Palm Sunday 2026
Matthew 21:7-15
He Came To His Own And They Did Not Receive Him – Why?
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John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light [*Jesus*], that all [*Jew and Gentile*] through him [*John's testimony of Jesus*] might believe. 8 He [*John the Baptist*] was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He [*Jesus*] was in the world, and the world was made through Him [*Jesus is creator God*], and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own [*the Jewish people*], and His own did not receive Him. 12 But **as many as received Him** [*You?*], **to them** He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name [*Jesus = God's salvation*]: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Matt 21:7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! **'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'** **Hosanna in the highest!**" (*Psalm 118:26*) 10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" 11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." 12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" 14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" [*promised Messiah*] **they were indignant**

Matt 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but **you were not willing!** (*See Gen 22, Psalm 22/110, and Isaiah 42/49/53 on suffering Messiah*) 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; Matthew 23:39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more **till** you say, **'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'**"

Gen 12:1 Now the Lord had said to Abram [*75 years old*]: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Gen 27:29 Let peoples serve you [*Jacob*], and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!"

Gen 15:1 After these things [*separation from his nephew Lot and then rescuing Lot in war, and interaction with Melchizedek – one of the most significant three verses in the Bible*] the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is

Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." **6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.** 7 Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to **give you this land [Israel] to inherit it.**" 8 And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and **cut them** in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. **go to verse 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.**

Gen 15:13 Then He said to Abram [*who is sleeping*]: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve [*Egypt*] I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord **made a covenant** [*Kaarat – same as Daniel 9:26*] with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates — 19 the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

2 Kings 13:22 And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23 But the Lord was gracious to them, had compassion on them, and regarded them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not yet destroy them or cast them from His presence. 24 Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place.

Ps 105:6 O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones! 7 He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth. 8 He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a **thousand generations**, 9 The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, 10 and confirmed it to Jacob [*Gen 27:29*] for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, 11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance,"

Jer 30:3 For behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the Lord. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.'" 4 Now these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah. 5 "For thus says the Lord: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale?' 7 Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. 8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says the Lord of hosts, 'that I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave them. 9 But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. 10 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the Lord, 'nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid. 11 For I am with you,' says the Lord, 'to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished.' 12 "For thus says the Lord: 'Your affliction is

incurable, your wound is severe. 13 There is no one to plead your cause, that you may be bound up; you have no healing medicines. 14 **All your lovers have forgotten you**; they do not seek you; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquities, because your sins have increased.

Jer 31:35 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name): 36 "If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the Lord, then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever." 37 Thus says the Lord: "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the Lord.

Lev 26:44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God. 45 But for their sake **I will remember the covenant of their ancestors**, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the Lord."

Ezek 36:1 "And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord! 2 Thus says the Lord God: "**Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,'**" 3 therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people" —

Ezek 37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 28 **The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.**"

Rom 11:11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! 13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. **Go to verse 21** For if God did not spare the natural branches [*Jews*], He may not spare you [*gentile church*] either. 22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. **Otherwise you also will be cut off. go to verse 25** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be **wise in your own opinion**, that blindness in part has happened to Israel **until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in**. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

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