

QFMC 5 Day Devotional

Week of March 29, 2026 by Ed Burns

Palm Sunday to Resurrection

Day 1: The Obedience of Simple Faith

Reading: Matthew 21:1-7; 1 Samuel 15:22

Devotional: Two unnamed disciples were given a strange assignment: go steal a donkey. They didn't understand the prophecy being fulfilled or the parade that would follow. They simply obeyed. Understanding is not a prerequisite to obedience. How often do we rationalize away God's clear instructions because they don't make sense to us? The disciples' willingness to follow Jesus' command—even when it seemed illogical—set in motion events that changed history. Today, God may be asking you to do something that doesn't make complete sense. Will you argue, or will you obey? Your simple act of faith might be exactly what God needs to bring glory to Himself and blessing to others.

Reflection Question: What has God clearly asked you to do that you've been rationalizing away?

Day 2: Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes

Reading: Luke 19:41-44; Matthew 9:35-38

Devotional: While everyone else celebrated, Jesus wept. In the midst of praise and palm branches, He saw what others couldn't—a city blind to God's visitation, heading toward judgment. His tears weren't for Himself or the cross awaiting Him, but for people who didn't recognize their desperate need. We live among people equally blind to their spiritual condition, angry and searching without knowing what they're searching for. This Palm Sunday, ask God to break your heart with what breaks His. Trade your irritation for compassion. See your coworker, neighbor, or family member not as an annoyance but as someone Jesus weeps over. When you see what Jesus sees, you'll feel what Jesus feels—and respond as Jesus would.

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs you to see them through eyes of compassion rather than judgment?

Day 3: Proclaiming Who Jesus Is

Reading: Matthew 21:8-11; Acts 4:12

Devotional: "Who is this?" the crowd asked. It's still the most important question anyone can answer. The Palm Sunday crowd wanted a political deliverer; Jesus came as a spiritual Savior. They wanted relief from taxes; He offered freedom from sin. Their misunderstanding didn't stop Him from His mission. Today, people are still confused about who Jesus is—a good teacher, a historical figure, or perhaps irrelevant to modern life. But we know the truth. Like Corrie ten Boom's illustration, we're the donkeys carrying Jesus into people's lives. Our role isn't to be the hero but to bring people to the Hero. This week, someone needs to hear who Jesus really is—not from a billboard but from you. Will you tell them?

Reflection Question: Who can you invite to Easter services or share the gospel with this week?

Day 4: The God Who Knows What's Ahead

Reading: Isaiah 46:9-10; Jeremiah 29:11

Devotional: Jesus knew exactly where to find a donkey waiting in the next village. He knew the owner would release it. He knew a 500-year-old prophecy was being fulfilled. He knew the crowd's cheers would turn to "Crucify Him!" within days. And He knows what's down the road for you. That medical test result, that job uncertainty, that relationship struggle—none of it catches God by surprise. You may not know how things will turn out, but Jesus does. Living by His words will never send you down the wrong road, even when the path seems unclear. Following Jesus doesn't mean you'll always understand the route, but it guarantees you'll arrive at the right destination. Trust the One who sees around every corner.

Reflection Question: What uncertainty are you facing that you need to trust Jesus with today?

Day 5: Serving God's Purpose in Your Generation

Reading: Acts 13:36; Psalm 145:4-7

Devotional: David's epitaph was simple yet profound: "He served God's purpose in his own generation, and then he died." Not "He was successful" or "He accumulated wealth" or "He was famous." He served God in his time. The Palm Sunday parade wasn't ultimately about a donkey, palm branches, or even the crowd's enthusiasm. It was about Jesus fulfilling His purpose—entering Jerusalem to die for humanity's sins. As we approach Resurrection Sunday,

consider your epitaph. Are you serving God's purpose in your generation? You're not called to serve a previous generation's purpose or worry about the next. God has placed you here, now, for such a time as this. Be the hands and feet of Jesus today. Your faithful obedience matters eternally.

Reflection Question: How are you serving God's purpose in your generation right now?

Closing Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, thank You for riding humbly into Jerusalem to accomplish our salvation. Help us to obey You without hesitation, see others through Your eyes of compassion, boldly proclaim who You are, trust You with our uncertain futures, and faithfully serve Your purposes in our generation. As we celebrate Your resurrection this Sunday, may our lives reflect the transforming power of Your victory over sin and death. Amen.