

<sup>1</sup>NOW WHEN THEY DREW NEAR TO JERUSALEM AND CAME TO BETHPHAGE, TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, THEN JESUS SENT TWO DISCIPLES, <sup>2</sup>SAYING TO THEM, "GO INTO THE VILLAGE IN FRONT OF YOU, AND IMMEDIATELY YOU WILL FIND A DONKEY TIED, AND A COLT WITH HER. UNTIE THEM AND BRING THEM TO ME. <sup>3</sup>IF ANYONE SAYS ANYTHING TO YOU, YOU SHALL SAY, 'THE LORD NEEDS THEM,' AND HE WILL SEND THEM AT ONCE."

<sup>4</sup>THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL WHAT WAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET, SAYING, <sup>5</sup>"SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, HUMBLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" <sup>6</sup>THE DISCIPLES WENT AND DID AS JESUS HAD DIRECTED THEM.

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<sup>7</sup>THEY BROUGHT THE DONKEY AND THE COLT AND PUT ON THEM THEIR CLOAKS, AND HE SAT ON THEM. <sup>8</sup>MOST OF THE CROWD SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE ROAD, AND OTHERS CUT BRANCHES FROM THE TREES AND SPREAD THEM ON THE ROAD. <sup>9</sup>AND THE CROWDS THAT WENT BEFORE HIM AND THAT FOLLOWED HIM WERE SHOUTING, "HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!"

<sup>10</sup>AND WHEN HE ENTERED JERUSALEM, THE WHOLE CITY WAS STIRRED UP, SAYING, "WHO IS THIS?" <sup>11</sup>AND THE CROWDS SAID, "THIS IS THE PROPHET JESUS, FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE."

—MATTHEW 21:1-11

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## I. TRENDS ATTRACT CROWDS AND CONVERSATIONS

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"THIS VERSE SYMBOLIZES JESUS' HUMILITY AND HIS ROLE AS THE TRUE KING OF THE PEOPLE. JESUS IS DEMONSTRATING A STARK CONTRAST TO THE EARTHLY KINGS WHO WOULD RIDE IN ON HORSES AS A SYMBOL OF POWER AND DOMINANCE. INSTEAD, JESUS CHOOSES A HUMBLE AND GENTLE ANIMAL, REFLECTING HIS OWN HUMILITY AND COMPASSION TOWARDS HIS FOLLOWERS. THIS ACT ALSO FULFILLS THE PROPHECY MENTIONED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, SHOWING THAT JESUS IS THE LONG-AWAITED MESSIAH WHO COMES IN PEACE RATHER THAN WITH FORCE."

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“JESUS IS MUCH MORE THAN JUST A HERO.”  
—P.T. FORSYTHE

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2. TRENDS ARE FICKLE  
AND OFTEN SUPERFICIAL

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• SACRIFICE

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CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER LAMB,  
HAS BEEN SACRIFICED. —I CORINTHIANS 5:7b

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• SUBSTITUTION

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FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. —2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

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• SUFFICIENCY

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<sup>12</sup>HE ENTERED ONCE FOR ALL INTO THE HOLY PLACES, NOT BY MEANS OF THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND CALVES BUT BY MEANS OF HIS OWN BLOOD, THUS SECURING AN ETERNAL REDEMPTION. <sup>13</sup>FOR IF THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND BULLS, AND THE SPRINKLING OF DEFILED PERSONS WITH THE ASHES OF A HEIFER, SANCTIFY FOR THE PURIFICATION OF THE FLESH, <sup>14</sup>HOW MUCH MORE WILL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, WHO THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT OFFERED HIMSELF WITHOUT BLEMISH TO GOD, PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE FROM DEAD WORKS TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD. —HEBREWS 9:12-14

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• SATISFACTION

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<sup>21</sup>BUT NOW THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD  
HAS BEEN MANIFESTED APART FROM THE LAW,  
ALTHOUGH THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS BEAR WITNESS  
TO IT— <sup>22</sup>THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD THROUGH FAITH  
IN JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE.  
FOR THERE IS NO DISTINCTION:  
<sup>23</sup>FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT  
OF THE GLORY OF GOD.  
—ROMANS 3:21-23

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(LORD'S SUPPER)

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3. JESUS IS NO TREND!

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JESUS SAID TO HIM, "I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH,  
AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER  
EXCEPT THROUGH ME." —**JOHN 14:6**

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"THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF REDEMPTION. IT IS THAT  
OR NOTHING AT ALL. IT IS NOT A BOOK OF HISTORY,  
SCIENCE, ANTHROPOLOGY OR COSMOLOGY. IT IS A BOOK  
OF SALVATION AND DELIVERANCE FOR LOST MANKIND."

"WE ARE REDEEMED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN AND  
FROM THE POWER OF SATAN AND EVIL BY THE PRICE  
JESUS PAID ON THE CROSS FOR US; AND WE ARE REDEEMED  
TO A NEW FREEDOM FROM SIN, TO A NEW RELATIONSHIP  
WITH GOD, AND TO A NEW LIFE TO LIVE BY THE  
APPROPRIATION OF THAT ATONEMENT FOR OUR SINS."

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"THE WHOLE OF THE BIBLE, WHETHER OLD TESTAMENT  
OR NEW, LOOKS TO THE MIGHTY REDEPTIVE ATONEMENT  
OF CHRIST. HIS BLOOD SACRIFICE IS THE RANSOM PAID  
FOR OUR DELIVERANCE. HE TOOK OUR SINFUL NATURE  
UPON HIMSELF IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT SATISFY  
THE DEMANDS OF THE LAW. HIS SACRIFICE IS ACCEPTED  
AS THE PAYMENT FOR THE DEBT THE SINNER MAN OWES  
TO GOD, AND HIS DEATH IS ACCEPTED AS THE  
FULL PAYMENT FOR MAN'S DELIVERANCE... THIS STORY,  
THE STORY OF JESUS, IS THE 'SCARLET THREAD  
OF REDEMPTION.'" —**DR. W.A. CRISWELL**

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