

## “A Better Tomorrow”

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### Going Deeper Questions

- What stood out to you from this message and why? Traditions can be a *help* or a *hinderance* when following Jesus.
  - *What traditions have helped you draw closer to God?*
  - *What traditions have caused you to pull back for feel far from God?*
  - *What do you think makes the difference?*
- Check out **Matthew 21:1-11**.
  - *Do we find Jesus riding a white horse or the foal of a donkey?*
  - *If you were living in Rome and used to seeing high officials in authority riding horses, would you be embarrassed seeing Jesus on a donkey?*
  - *Has there been or does anything now cause you to feel embarrassed or discouraged following Jesus in your life today?*
- Think about the **sequence** Matthew shares (Vv.-9). Jesus commanded; the Disciples obeyed. The Disciples' example led others to draw closer and celebrate Jesus.
  - *Does your life, as a Disciple reflect the same obedience to Jesus and invitation for others?*
  - *Is your life being lived in a way that invites others closer to Jesus?*
  - **Challenge:** *As a parent I can see parts of my own character in that of my kids. When you stand before God, what will God celebrate seeing of Himself in you?*
- Turn to **Zechariah 9:9-13**. Here we find Israel recently returned from Babylonian Exile to a home they didn't recognize. What they knew was gone. God was encouraging them- it was time to build today with Him for a tomorrow that would be so much better than yesterday.
  - *What stands out to you about this King God Promises will come?*
  - *How will He bring peace?*
- Zechariah was among other Prophets God sent to Israel to bring vision and direction to the people. They were finding it hard to move on from the past.
  - *Do you struggle in desiring yesterday to return more than the tomorrow God is leading us into?*
- Finding balance in this can be challenging; it affects how we live today.
  - *How did Jesus celebrate the good from yesterday?*
    - Read **Matthew 5:17-20**
  - *How did Jesus mourn that not so good from yesterday?*
    - Read **Luke 13:31-35 / 19:41-44**
  - *How did Jesus view His present life in respect to the tomorrow God was leading everything into?*
    - Read **John 18:33-37**
- The ultimate tomorrow God is leading us into, as a Father leading His children home is a time nothing can compare to. The tomorrow is far more beautiful than the best of yesterday.
  - Turn to and read **Revelation 21**.
    - What is God doing in the first three verses?
    - What is happening in verses 22-26?

**Keeping our eyes on this future allows us to live today as Agents of Hope for others around us to know God's chosen King and share in that Better Tomorrow.**