



Palm Sunday 2012 Entering In

“Behold, a sower went forth to sow...”

Matthew 13:3

“And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.”

Ezekiel 37:3

God’s answer to this question is God Himself: Jesus the Incarnate Lord, who comes among us in the most unexpected and inauspicious times and places. He came to Abraham and Moses and into Jerusalem which had become another field of ‘dry bones.’ And He continues to sow into lives...

In this passage we follow four groups of people needing the Word of the Lord.

A. The Multitude vv. :12-15 (Dry hope)..Seeking a King

1. Gathering for feasts: This was the time of the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. All of Israel were called to Jerusalem for this great time.

2. Palm branches: The next day was Sunday, the first day of the week. The Law provided that palms should be used at the Feast of Tabernacles and by this time were used at most of the feasts. John writes in his revelation (*Rev 7:9*) how a multitude worships God at His throne with palm branches in their hands.

3. No war horse: Jesus comes riding a donkey’s colt. Not what you would expect of a King but it was a fulfillment of a prophetic word. (*Zech. 9:9*)

What are your expectations of Jesus in your life?

B. The Disciples v. 16 (Dry vision)..Seeking to understand

1. What we don’t understand: There are at least two things we need to understand about our experiences in life:

(1) Most of the time we DO NOT know exactly why we are going through what we are going through. It does not come clear until sometime later—often years later. *See Phil 4:6-7*

(2) Many things are only revealed (made known) by the Holy Spirit. *See John 2:22; 14:15-17; 15:26; 16:12-12-15*

Do you have a vision for your life and ministry?

C. The Lazarus Witnesses vv. 17-18 (Dry life)..Seeking a sign

1. We were there: These are the people who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead. They were not so much looking for a king as they were for the signs and wonders they had seen. It was as if they were saying, “We were there and we want more.”

What have you seen Jesus do?

How much more do you think He wants to do in your life?

D. The Pharisees v. 19 (Dry faith)..Seeking glory

1. Real dry bones: The Pharisees had become the symbol of what NOT to be like. The presence of God was a threat to them. Jesus was a threat to them. Oh how wonderful it would be if the world would go after Him.

Is your hope dry? Is your vision dry? Is your life dry? Is your faith dry?

**So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”
And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.**

John 20:21-22

John 12:12-19 (NKJV)

¹² The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

“Hosanna!

‘Blessed is *He who comes in the name of the LORD!*’

The King of Israel!”

¹⁴ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ “*Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey’s colt.*”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that they had done these things to Him.*

¹⁷ Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. ¹⁸ For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

¹⁹ The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!”