

Five Day Sermon Application Plan: April 13, 2025, The Passion Begins Matt. 11:1-11

Day 1: Embrace the Unusual

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-11

Reflection: Consider how God often works in unexpected ways. Reflect on the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling prophecy in a humble yet profound manner.

Application: Identify areas in your life where you have set expectations. Pray for openness to God's unusual and creative ways, trusting that His plans are greater than your own.

Day 2: Understanding True Victory

Scripture Reading: John 12:12-19

Reflection: Reflect on the crowd's expectations of Jesus as a political savior versus His true mission of spiritual salvation.

Application: Contemplate what true victory looks like in your life. Are there areas where you need to shift your perspective from worldly success to spiritual fulfillment?

Day 3: Facing Challenges with Courage

Scripture Reading: John 12:27-28; Matthew 26:36-46

Reflection: Jesus faced His impending suffering with courage and faithfulness. Consider how He chose God's will over personal safety.

Application: Identify a challenge you are currently facing. Pray for the courage to face it with faith, trusting in God's plan and presence with you.

Day 4: The God of Highs and Lows

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23; Romans 8:28

Reflection: God is present in both the high moments and the valleys of life. Reflect on how God's presence sustains you through all circumstances.

Application: Recall a recent high moment and a challenging time. Thank God for His presence in both, and seek His guidance to navigate future highs and lows with faith.

Day 5: From Hosanna to Hallelujah

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Reflection: Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to the cross and resurrection transforms cries of "Hosanna" into "Hallelujah." **Application:** Reflect on the transformative power of Jesus' passion and resurrection in your life. How can you live out the victory of the resurrection daily? Share this hope with someone who needs encouragement.