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8 Have you ever gone somewhere you thought you might not ought to go?

9 Have you been somewhere people encouraged you NOT to go?

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11 During the week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, Jesus continued to
12 teach. He taught in the Temple, He taught in the streets, He continued
13 teaching even though He knew he was being carefully watched by the
14 authorities, or should I say the Sadducees and Pharisees.

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16 Have you ever felt afraid or knew things weren't going to go right? Jesus
17 did, yet he knew and was comfortable with his destiny. Are you
18 comfortable with your destiny? Have you made your peace with God?

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20 Jesus it was pretty obvious six days before Passover when Mary poured
21 pure nard, an expensive perfume on Jesus' feet at Bethany. Jesus knew
22 this was preparation for his burial, yet he went forward, right into
23 Jerusalem, without fear, knowing what awaited him.

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25 Jesus didn't have "What If" on his mind. He had the "What Is" on his mind.
26 He knew he was going home. He was going home to his Father. While at
27 Bethany a large crowd of Jews found out he was there and went to see
28 him, not only because of him, but also to see Lazarus, who was reclining
29 with him. During this period of time the chief priests made plans to kill
30 Lazarus too. They said that it was on account of him many of the Jews
31 were going over to Jesus and believing him.

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33 The next day He had quite the welcoming committee when He got to
34 Jerusalem. According to John 12:12-13
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John 12:12-13

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna! ”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

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Jesus enters Jerusalem and the crowds welcome him,
by Pietro Lorenzetti, 1320



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John 12:14-15

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”

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John 12:16

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

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41 Not only did Jesus predict his own death, but he washed his disciple's feet,
42 predicted his betrayal, comforted his disciples, teaches about the way to
43 the Father, promises the Holy Spirit and is finally arrested. Even knowing

44 all this, he continued to preach and teach his disciples. But today was a
45 happy day in Jerusalem, at least for the Jews.

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47 Jesus knew his life had to fulfill the scriptures written hundreds of years
48 before he was born.

Zechariah 9:9 (520-518 BC)

**Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout,
Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king
comes to you, righteous and
victorious, lowly and riding on a
donkey, on a colt, the foal of a
donkey.**

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51 **Isaiah 53**

52 Talks about our savior as nothing special. No special appearances, no
53 pomp and circumstance, no beauty or majesty to attract us to him. Yet
54 people came. In John 6:44 The Lord says Something very important I want
55 to share with you and it is tied into what Jesus said. I believe it is about
56 Evangelism.

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John 6:44

**No one can come to me unless the
Father who sent me draws them, and I
will raise them up at the last day.**

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59 Jesus was later quoted in John 12:44

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John 12:44-45

Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

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62 Jesus was sent as the light of the world, and to those who believe in him
63 He will save them.



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66 Even now He was evangelizing for the Lord. Not only was He preaching
67 the Word, but He was living it for all to see, and all wanted to see; they just
68 wanted a glimpse, or to touch His garment or even to be in His shadow.

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70 He lived what He preached. Its not easy. I can stand up here all day and
71 preach, but living it is something totally different. The world changes when
72 we walk out that door. It did for Jesus.

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74 Maybe that's what the upper room was for....because He knew what
75 awaited them outside the door. God told Joshua

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Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

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1 Chronicles 22:13

Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

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79 The reassurance that all is well.
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2 Chronicles 32:7

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged,..... for there is a greater power with us than with him.

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As you go out this week listen for what God is saying to you. Be bold and courageous when he plants a seed or drops a thought on your heart. You might be surprised. If you are concerned it's not from God, pray.

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84 Lord,
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86 We can only imagine the great anticipation you had during your last stand
87 in Jerusalem. You took our place on the cross for us so we didn't have to
88 live in sin unless we choose to. By your stripes we are saved. Help us find
89 and save those who you want saved, teach those who need to hear your
90 word and those who need our help. Give us the resources to help them.
91 Help us love the unlovable and teach the unteachable. Thank you for
92 blessing your ministry here on 8th Avenue. In Jesus Name we
93 pray....Amen.