

# The Start of God's Awesome Plan

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#### Matthew 21:1-11 (New International Version)

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

#### NOTES FOR MESSAGE

To understand the start of God's Awesome Plan, let's practice some heartfelt steps:

**I. Let Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ your heart to fellowship with you!**

Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

What are some "things" that stop me from allowing Jesus into my heart daily?

**II. Let Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ your heart!**

Psalms 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

What happens when your heart is aligned with God's heart?

### III. Let Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ by His Holy Spirit!

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Pastors in most evangelical churches have been encouraging and praying for us for Personal Renewal and Renewal in our Church.

#### **Personal Renewal**

1. What "growing challenges" have helped you to renew your heart, mind, and spirit?
  
1. Which of the 3 R's (Re-enter, Recalibrate, Renewal) do you relate to and Why?