

You Cannot Redeem Yourself!

Matthew 21:1-11

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Introduction:

- Triumphal Exit – When the Children of Israel left Egypt – **Exodus 6-12**
 - Adam and Eve – You cannot cover your shame – **Genesis 3:21**
 - Jesus' First Triumphal Entry was in Bethlehem – **Luke 2:13-14**
 - When I was in the Marines, we used to receive a “Sit-Rep” – Situation Report.
 - Three basic pieces of information:
 - What is the situation?
 - What is the fix?
 - What is the mission?
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1. What is the Situation?

- a. **Matthew 21:1-9**
- b. Passover was a time of celebration for Jewish families.
- c. Situation:
 - i. The world and all of mankind was a mess because of sin. There needed to be a perfect sacrifice to atone for the sins of every man, woman, and child – Past, present, and future.
- d. **Genesis 3:15**
- e. What does that look like in 2025? Our situation is a mess as well, isn't it?
- f. Sanity, Individual Thinking, and Truth are public enemy number one in a morally bankrupt society.
- g. Three Reasons why:
 - i. No desire to know the true God or His ways.
 - ii. Narcissistic thinking.
 - iii. Pride.
- h. Two kinds of people in the world – Saved and Lost.
- i. The Lost can be broken into Three Categories:
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
- j. **Matthew 24:11-13**
- k. Our Situation is terrible – Those are the facts, and they are undisputed.

2. What is the Fix?

- a. The Messiah is the fix for our broken relationship – Because there is no way for man to redeem himself.
- b. There is a punishment for sin – It is death. – (**Romans 6:23**)
- c. In God's Agape Love – He made a way to Redeem us back to Himself.
- d. **Psalm 51:1-2**
- e. **Isaiah 1:18**
- f. **Isaiah 7:14**
- g. **Matthew 1:22-23**
- h. **John 1:29**
- i. **John 3:16**
- j. **1st Corinthians 13:4-8**
- k. The fix is impossible for us – Only God can do it.

3. What is the Mission?

- a. The Mission for the Messiah – The Mission for us.
- b. His Mission – Redeem the world from the Bondage of Sin.
 - i. At just the right time –
 - ii. Can you imagine the burden Jesus must have felt?
 - iii. **Hebrews 12:1-3**
 - iv. What joy could there have been on a Roman Cross?
 - v. Hillsong's – *Man of Sorrows*
- c. What about our mission?
 - i. All I must do is respond to His Terms of Pardon:
 - ii. The only thing stopping me from being saved in Christ – Is me!
 - iii. The worldly thinking of Pharoah keeps us from our mission:
 - 1. No desire to know the true God or His ways.
 - 2. Narcissistic thinking.
 - 3. Pride.
 - iv. **Philippian 2:5-11**
 - v. That should be our mission.