

New Song Fellowship Church

Being and Making Disciples

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Mat 21:8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Isa 40:4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

Psa 118:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Ezr 3:11 With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Mat 21:9b "...Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Psa 118:25 LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

Mat 21:10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

(NET) Psa 118:19 Open for me the gates of the just king's temple! I will enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. 20 This is the LORD's gate - the godly enter through it.

Mat 21:12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

(NET) 1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

(NET) 1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

(NLT) 1Jn 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1Th 5:16 Always be joyful. 17 Never stop praying. 18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Mat 21:17 And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Psa 118:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that who ever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Weekly Reflection

Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.

1. When Jesus "enters" your life through confession and belief, how are the "rough places" and "valleys" in your heart being made level? Where do you sense Him still at work smoothing your path?
2. Jesus cleansed the temple because it had become a place of commerce rather than prayer. What distractions or "transactions" have crept into your life that prevent you from treating your body--God's temple--as a sacred space of worship and thanksgiving?
3. How can you practically live out 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 this week--rejoicing, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in all circumstances--as a declaration that Jesus truly is blessed in your life?