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## The Reason Jesus Came!

**Scripture:** John 10:10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

In contrast to the thief who takes, Jesus gives. The life he gives now is abundantly richer and fuller. It is eternal, yet it begins immediately. Life in Him is lived on a higher plane because of His overflowing forgiveness, love, and guidance. The reason Jesus came:

- was not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it (Matthew 5:17)
- give His life a ransom all of us (Matthew 20:28)
- preach the kingdom of God to other cities (Luke 4:43)
- seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10)
- that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17)
- that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10)
- bear witness unto the truth (John 18:37)

Jesus came to give us everything in abundance, more than you expect-life in its fullness until you overflow. He has invited us on a journey to follow Him so that we may obtain life more abundantly. Don't allow Satan to intercept and reroute that journey. It is vital we become watchful and prayerful so that we don't allow his distracting influence our lives.

Therefore, people of God ask God to give you the wisdom to recognize behaviors and priorities influenced by the distraction of the enemy. When we recognize that we are following anything except Jesus, we have a loving invitation to return to Him and grab hold of that abundant life.

- Abundant life is given by the Spirit of God, who produces love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Abundant life is a blessing for obedience to God's commands (Deuteronomy 28:1-6).
- Abundant life is a result of seeking first God's kingdom and his righteousness (Matthew 6:33).
- Abundant life is a promise for those who give generously and receive graciously (Luke 6:38).
- Abundant life is a manifestation of God's power, grace, and generosity (2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 3:20; Exodus 34:6; James 1:17).

God's spiritual abundance consists of joy, life more abundantly, grace abound in every good work, Holy Ghost power, supplies all your needs, and entrance into His kingdom. **Abundant life in the biblical sense is not worldly riches or material goods, but eternal life**. Because He is the only source of life, and He is the way, the truth, and the life.

Scripture also lets us know in this more abundant life God can enlarge our steps, give us wisdom and understanding, and enlarge our territory to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Paul prayed for the church at Ephesus "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19).

Not only do other religious systems fail in providing life, but also modern technological advances and material goods cannot live up to their promises either. Money, phones, a high-level career, and items are all sought after even though they merely provide temporary "fullness" of life. Furthermore, advanced medicine and access to healthcare may provide strong health and longer lifespans, but only Jesus can give a full life that never ends.

While you focus on this "Palm Sunday" focus on the true reason Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem.