

The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 131

Passion Week ~ Monday

In our last post, we examined the final days of **Yeshua's** life and ministry. In this post, we walk with **Yeshua** as He returns to **Yerushalayim** for the final time.

Background

It is now late March, and **Pesach** is near. The time has come for **Yeshua** to be delivered up as our **Pesach Lamb**. Both **Pesach** and **Hag HaMatzah** (Feast of Unleavened Bread) are tied to the remembrance of the exodus of the **Jewish** people from slavery in **Egypt**. The principal Scriptural reference for **Pesach** is in B'midbar (Exodus) 12:1-13 and **Hag HaMatzah** in Vayikra (Leviticus) 23:5-8. **Yeshua** is about to be slain for the salvation of all who would recognize and accept the power in His blood.

Even as He approached **Yerushalayim**, His enemies were plotting His death. Riding on a lowly colt, **Yeshua** is met by multitudes who shout praise to **God** for having sent this "great prophet" in whom they now believe. He knows that most of them still do not understand the true nature of His messiahship and deity. He is now given the most incredible welcome of His ministry. His enemies now let Him have His day of glory.¹

¹² The next day, the large crowd that had come for the festival heard that Yeshua was on His way into Yerushalayim. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting,

"Deliver us!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai, the King of Isra'el!"²

²⁹ As he approached Beit-Pagei and Beit-Anyah, by the Mount of Olives, He sent two talmidim,

³⁰ instructing them, "Go into the village ahead; on entering it, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks why you are untying it, tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"³

⁴ This happened in order to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet,

*⁵ "Say to the daughter of Tziyon,
'Look! Your King is coming to you,
riding humbly on a donkey
and on a colt, the offspring of a beast of burden!'"⁴*

¹⁶ His talmidim did not understand this at first, but after Yeshua had been glorified, then they remembered that the Tanakh said this about Him and that they had done this for Him.⁵

⁴ They went off and found a colt in the street tied in a doorway, and they untied it. ⁵ The bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"⁶ They gave the answer Yeshua had told them to give, and they let them continue. ⁷ They brought the colt to Yeshua and threw their robes on it, and he sat on it.⁶

In our next, we follow **Yeshua into Yerushalayim for His Crucifixion** by the end of the week.

¹ F. LaGard Smith, The Narrated Bible in Chronological Order.

² Yochanan 12:12-13.

³ Luke 19:29-31.

⁴ Mattityahu 21:4-5 (quoting Zechariah 9:9).

⁵ Yochanan 12:16.

⁶ Mark 11:4-7.