**The 24 Answer of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd RUTC: 4/10/2022**

 **The World Conquest of The One Who Rode on a Donkey (Matthew 21:1-5)**

This week is Passion week (week of suffering), the week Jesus suffered on the cross and opened the way to salvation for us. Jesus rode a donkey and entered Jerusalem on Sunday. People waved palm trees, shouting and praising “Hosanna.” Thus, today is also called Palm Sunday. Today, we will focus on why Christ rode on a donkey. On Wednesday, we will focus on the words Jesus spoke to the disciples when He asked them to bring the donkey and said, “the Lord needs them.”

**1. Why did He ride on a donkey?**

**1) It was to show the evidence that He is our unique Savior (uniqueness of Christ).**

**① The Bible accurately promised and prophesied how Christ who will save us would come.**

It was prophesied that He would come as the offspring of the woman (Genesis 3:15), that He would come as a descendant of Abraham and David (Genesis 22:18, Jeremiah 23:5), that He would be born in Jerusalem (Micah 5:2), and that He would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9). According to the research of Bible scholars, there are hundreds of prophecies of Christ in the Bible that have already been fulfilled,

**② Why is Christ the unique Savior who solves all life problems?**

There are countless religions, and they have their own scriptures. They say they have their own way to salvation, but only Christ was prophesied for long ages and fulfilled accurately with no-fault. Therefore, we hold onto the Bible as God’s Word and Jesus as our unique Savior.

**2) That was God’s method to save us (perfectness of Christ). He lowered Himself and resolved the curses.**

**① The Bible tells us that sin and death entered the world because of Adam, the first life (Romans 5:12). How did Satan lure Adam?**

Satan led Adam to fall into arrogance by himself (Genesis 3:5). As a result, curses came, but Jesus lowered Himself and solved that through the death of atonement. He received the curses we should have received and delivered us from three curses(fate, Satan, and hell) forever. Although Dam fell into arrogance and led life to crumble with his disobedience to God, Christ lowered himself and restored everything for us with His obedience to God (Romans 5:19).

**② This is why we must be like Christ and always live with humility and obedience before God.**

Christ endlessly lowered Himself and obeyed God to death, but God exalted Him and made all creations kneel before the name of Jesus (Philippians 2:6-11).

**3) It was because this was a work that only the Son of God could carry out (absoluteness of Christ).**

**① Humans put effort into glamorously decorating themselves. Those with money, fame, and power do so even more.**

Christ, even if He lowered Himself, could not be lowered. It is because He is equal to God (John 10:30). Therefore, even if He comes riding on a donkey, it says that all wars will end, and His reign will come upon the earth (Zechariah 9:10).

**② This is why people placed palm leaves and shouted: “Hosanna” (“Save us now”).**

Nameless people realized what the Pharisee officials that persecuted Jesus and the disciples did not. To know Christ as the Son of God and believe Him as my Savior is God’s absolute grace and blessing (Matthew 16:17). The moment my life is in Christ, I become most precious and possess God’s things (2 Corinthians 4:7-9). Whether it seems like I am being lowered through problems or I am living with an attitude that lowers me, I cannot be lowered.

**2. How worthy do those in Christ become?**

We must find the me that is in Christ. That is how we are not deceived by ourselves, who is covered in scars. Although the world seems glamorous externally, we are not deceived by the world that will eventually crumble. We are not deceived by Satan, that uses that as a channel and leads me to fall into discouragement, despair, and fights.

**1) We are children who will enjoy the Triune God (John 1:12).**

**① God the Father is our eternal Father.** He reigns over all creation and answers our prayers.

**② God the Son is our eternal Savior.** He died on the cross for all my life problems and was resurrected.

**③ God the Spirit is our eternal Helper.** He gives us the Word, helps us understand, and accurately guides my way.

**2) We have become those who will enjoy the nine blessings the Triune God gives (Ephesians 1:3-5). It is the blessing of the heavenly throne.**

**① The power of the throne, the blessing that transcends time and space, and the power of light that overcomes darkness.** We become the spiritual light tower that shines the light to the world.

**② The image of God is restored in me, and the power of life and the blessing of Eden are restored.** We become the platform that saves all people.

**③ Unprecedented works take place in me, the church I serve, and the field where I study, work, and run business.** Rightfully, we become the spiritual antenna that relays this blessing.

**3) God is leading us to prepare for the future in this difficult age through us. It is the preparation of the three ages.**

**① Churches are crumbling as pastors are dying.** We become the main figures of answers that can even save the pastors.

**② We stand as the 70 disciples with our specialty and occupation in my field.** It becomes a system that saves 70 nations, regions, and tribes.

**③ We are to revive our posterity and open the Remnant Age.** We wait for the day they become the summit and go into the world to revive the world.

Hold onto the covenant of the 3,9,3, focus on that 24 hours, and restore me.

**3. This week is Passion Week. There is no reason for us to be depressed and sad.**

Hold onto at least three meanings within Christ’s suffering and restore true thanksgiving.

**1) Through Christ’s suffering, all the curses (individual, family line, eternal curses) have ended (John 19:30).**

Satan’s deceptions will end as much as I restore thanksgiving. We are to become spiritual victors before Satan’s face.

**2) Hold onto Christ’s heart that lowered Himself and suffered in place of the lives that were bound to be cursed (Philippians 2:5).**

He loved us that much. Now, we are to save the empty and dying places with that heart. Make it so that this Passion Week and next week’s Easter Sunday become the greatest opportunity for evangelism.

**3) Do you have problems and pain? Look upon the time schedule of victory that will certainly come to us and give thanks (1 Corinthians 15:25).**

The Lord’s suffering was not everything. His resurrection was the conclusion. That is where the new life, new works, and new future were prepared. Simply put, Christ’s resurrection would not exist without Christ’s death.

**Conclusion** – As we live our lives, there may be times when we are faced with events that lower us, make us suffer, and mistreat us, but it is not so. We are ones whom God has left behind for Him to use. We are pilgrims who can enjoy a time to grow deeper with God in all problems. Then eventually, we walk the way of the true conqueror who overcomes, heals, and revives the world. May this be the greatest Passion Week of your life.