

The Triumphal Entry

Psalm 118:26,27 - Fulfillment in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Psalm 118:26,27 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. (KJV)

Matthew 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. (KJV)

Mark 11:9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: (KJV)

Luke 19:38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. (KJV)

John 12:13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. (KJV)

God's plan of salvation not thwarted by unbelief

Had the entire nation Israel accepted her Messiah as He rode into Jerusalem on the Sunday morning, April 6, 32 A.D. (Nisan 10, 32 A.D.) we refer to as the Triumphal Entry or Palm Sunday, the Jewish High Priest would have known exactly what had to be done. He was to bind Him with cords and sacrifice Him unto the horns of the altar. This would have provided the once and for all Sacrifice to pay for the sins of all mankind past, present, and future. But due to unbelief they knew nothing of this and as a result God allowed the "Sacrifice" to take place in their unbelief on the cross four days later on the Passover that occurred on Thursday, April 10, 32 A.D. (Nisan 14, 32 A.D.).

God begins a new program called the "mystery"

The Apostle Peter preached the "bad news of the cross" fifty days later at Pentecost when he said: "ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." (Acts 2:23) It wasn't until a year later after the stoning of Stephen that the Apostle Paul was raised up to proclaim the "good news of the cross." This became known as the "Gospel of the Grace of God" and Paul was to offer it to Jews and Gentiles alike in the program given to him known as the "mystery." It was a mystery because it wasn't forecast in the Old Testament... and for good reason "...for had they known it (the mystery), they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." (I Corinthians 2:8) God, by keeping this mystery hid in Him (Ephesians 3:9) completely caught His enemies - both physical: (Jewish leadership) and spiritual: (Satan and his fallen angels) off guard and made it possible for anyone thereafter to have salvation with their sins paid for by simply believing that the Lord Jesus Christ died for their sins, was buried, and rose again the third day (Sunday, April 13, 32 A.D.)

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At that time in 33 A.D. God set aside the Chosen Nation Israel in unbelief and through the Apostle Paul offered salvation to all mankind in a new joint (Jew and Gentile) body to be known as the Body of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ began to appear to the Apostle Paul by direct heavenly visions and over the next 30 years made known the details of the new mystery program.

Just as the Jews failed to recognize that God changed their program in 33 A.D., today we have over 400 denominations that differ based on which parts of the previous program are improperly mixed with the new mystery program. Today, we don't dare add anything from the old program onto the sacrifice provided by Christ on the cross, "lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect." (I Corinthians 1:17) The cross is all-sufficient and there is nothing we can do to help "earn" our salvation. The only response that matters to God is that we have believing faith in the gospel of His grace. Most people believe that "we have to do our little part." Yes, that's true, but if our "little part" is more than believing that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day it is unnecessary, unwanted by God, and could well make the cross of Christ "of none effect."

The following are various translations of Psalms 118:27 to validate the "Sacrifice."

27 God <0410> is the LORD <03068>, which hath shewed us light <0215> (8686): bind <0631> (8798) the sacrifice <02282> with cords <05688>, even unto the horns <07161> of the altar <04196>. (KJV-1611))

27 The LORD is God, and he hath given us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. (ERV-1885)

27 god is the LORD, who hath shown us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar. (Webster-1833)

27 Jehovah is *God, and he hath given us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, — up to the horns of the altar. (Darby-1890)

27 God is Jehovah, and He giveth to us light, Direct ye the festal-sacrifice with cords, Unto the horns of the altar. (YLT)

27 Jehovah is God, and he hath given us light: Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. (ASV-1901)

27 The Lord is mighty, and hath given us light: bind the sacrifice with cords unto the horns of the altar. (Geneva-1560)

27 God is the LORD, which has showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar. (AKJV)

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27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. (NASB)

27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. (NIV)

27 God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. (NKJV)

27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! (ESV)

27 Yahweh is God, and he has given us light. Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar. (WEB)

27 Jehovah God is our light. I present to him my sacrifice upon the altar. (Living Bible)

27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar! (RSV)

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