Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. This was prophesied in our devotional verse and in Daniel Chapter 9. Also we read the fulfilment of these things in all four Gospels, including the book of John.

- **John 12:12-16** ***The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:***
  "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"
  Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
  Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."
  His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

But notice verse 12 in John, he starts with "***The next day***". What does that mean? Well the day before this, two things happened that you would read of when you read all of John chapter 12. First, it tells of Mary anointing Jesus feet (Which is also in all four Gospels).

- **John 12:3** ***Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.***

And the second one I would like to focus on for today's devotional.

- **John 12:9-11** ***Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.***

Now, looking at the verses in John, it tells of how the people cried out, ***"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"*** But these same people will, in less than a week cry out, ***saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"*** **Luke 23:21**

So why would they do that? One reason is they were blinded by the lies of satan. But the other reason I think we get a hint of on John 12:9 which says, "***they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead."***

Simply they were so focused on what Jesus did (The miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead) instead of Who Jesus was, the Son of God. And if you think about it, they had our devotional verse, (Zachariah 9:9) memorized, but they did not really know what it meant, and that's one reason why I believe Jesus wept over Jerusalem while He was approaching it.

- **Luke 19:41-42** ***Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."***

Yet how many are looking to Jesus and God right now for help, but that's all they are looking for from Him, signs and wonders (help). But when the dust settles and they feel that they no longer need His help right now, they will go back to their old ways. Until they need His help again.

We as Christians should be telling people to turn to Jesus because He loves them and died for their sins. Not because so that He can rid them of their troubles. If that's all people are looking for in Jesus, then they will die in their sins, because they want to be delivered from something that they are going through right here and now, but not repent and be delivered from sin and death, something that only Jesus can deliver them from with His blood that was shed on the cross.

- **Revelation 1:5** ***and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.***