

## Title: Glimpse of Triumph

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I would like to start today in Psalm 110, verse three, and we will dive right in.

### Psalm 110:3 ESV

“Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments. From the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.”

### Psalm 110:3 NKJV

“Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power.”

We look at this scripture in light of today's tradition. This is Palm Sunday, as in the week before Good Friday and Easter. In the day of Jesus's power, His people volunteer freely as volunteers. We look to Him giving us a glimpse of that on this day. He gave the people, He gave His disciples, and He gave Jerusalem a taste, a foretaste, of the glory that He was going to walk in eventually. Yet, He didn't come to full fruition. It didn't come to full fulfillment on this day.

### Proverbs 25:2 ESV

“It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.”

### Proverbs 25:2 NKJV

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”

Even in this, the King Jesus, on this day we remember, entered into His city, Jerusalem. But from all accounts that we know in the ministry of Jesus's life, He *had* never spent a night in Jerusalem. This one night that He did, He was crucified. So we have this hidden mystery. Why wouldn't the Son of David stay in David's city? Why would He want to show Himself as Messiah and yet hide such a matter from us? We know that it was His goal to not be hidden from Jerusalem. He set His face towards Jerusalem. All of Luke shows this journey in His ministry. It's consistently brought up that He is not avoiding Jerusalem. He is not trying to skirt around it. His goal is Jerusalem.

### Luke 9:51-53 ESV

“When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,” is in reference to Elijah. We read a very similar phrase, “when the days drew near for Elijah to go up.” Remember, Elijah was swept up in a chariot of fire in a whirlwind. So this is similar phrasing in reference to this. Verse 51, “When the days drew near for Him,” Jesus, “to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem.” Verse 52, “And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him.” Verse 53, “But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set towards Jerusalem.”

Now, there is a dispute going on here, because the Samaritans, as you read with the the lady at the well, the Samaritan woman, there is a tradition. There is a false religion that is basically the same as the Hebrew Jewish faith, but they believe that Jerusalem is not the holy city. They believe Samaria is. So because His face was set to Jerusalem, it was a spiritual scuffle and a refusal. You understand that? So, there's a little bit more to this. But, I want you to focus on that, “He had set His face towards Jerusalem, and He sent His messengers to prepare the way.” He was not shirking away from this. He was saying, “We are coming. This is our mission.

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This is our goal. Prepare the way of the Lord. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” He doesn't just say it once. If you continue in the journey, it continuously comes up.

Luke 13:22 ESV

“He went on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem.”

Luke 17:11 ESV

“On the way to Jerusalem, He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.”  
This is the mission. This is the call. This will be the culmination of the Messiah.

Luke 18:31-34 ESV

“And taking the twelve, He said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.”

Well, if you are in the Jewish nation, if you're in this Jewish province, everything has been taught for a long time. You know what the Messiah is supposed to do, and what He is supposed to be, and where He's supposed to dwell. What He's supposed to do, and how He's supposed to reign, and how He's going to conquer. This is what you are looking for. But, He says, “the Son of Man.” He doesn't say, “the Son of David,” but, the “Son of Man,” and all those things that the prophets have said about Me will be accomplished. He's not avoiding it. He's very upfront. He tells them. Verse 32, “For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.” Verse 33, “And after flogging Him, they will kill Him. And on the third day, He will rise.” Verse 34, “But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.”

You have a dichotomy in that, yes, “When the day of the Lord appears, when He has come in His power, His people will be volunteers. We will volunteer freely on the day of His power.” Yet, “It is the glory of God to hide a matter. It is the glory of kings to search it out.”

Luke 19:11- ESV

“As they heard these things, He proceeded to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they supposed that the Kingdom of God was to appear immediately.”

They're near Jerusalem. This is the Messiah. This is the Christ. So what naturally are you going to expect when He steps into Jerusalem? The Kingdom of God is going to appear immediately! I would be right there with them. It's going to happen immediately, and it falls so short of their expectations. It falls so far short. The Kingdom of God is going to appear immediately, and He has to temper them back. He has to give them the parables. He has to tell them. “No, no, remember I said we're going to die?” What does Peter do? It says, “Peter says, Lord, you should not say these things. That is not going to happen to you.” He has to rebuke him, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan.” But, you understand, they are on a mission that will culminate in Jerusalem. They have been going to city to city, preparing the way. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. This entire thing is coming to this place, to this point. They say, “We're going to see the Kingdom of God, guys.” That's what they're saying to each other. Immediately after this, James and John's mother comes up and says, “Lord, when your kingdom comes, may my sons sit at your left hand and your right hand? Because, I believe it's coming in the next month or something. We're getting there.” What a hope, and what a faith. Jesus is like, “It is the glory of God to hide a matter. It is the glory of kings to search for a matter.” Yes, was it going to appear immediately? Jesus has warned them of what they are going to see from the Messiah consistently. We know this if you have read the gospels. He warns them, and warns them, and warns them.

Mark 10:32-34 ESV

“And they were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him.” Verse 33, “Saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priest and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles.” Verse 34, “And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days, He will rise.”

But, think of any civil rights movement or act and the culmination is at Washington, DC. You know this is where, if we are going to get any headway, it's going to finish on the steps of the Capitol, or the Supreme Court, or in DC. If we were going from town to town, in the civil rights with Martin Luther King, we were going from city to city doing silent protests all the way up to the National Mall of America. This was just a small political campaign movement in America. Think of an entire nation looking for a deliverer and believing this one might be the one. He's not shying away from it. He is going to Jerusalem. As they are getting closer and closer to it, the twelve are clinging to Jesus. The other disciples are kind of like, “Okay, wow, this is getting very real.” Because, as they have kept going, there are more and more reports of the chief priests and scribes seeking to kill Him. They are not welcoming. They are not happy. There is opposition up ahead.

We read this in John, chapter eleven. Jesus warned them they were going to witness about the Messiah repeatedly, but the years of teachings and beliefs of the Messiah and the Jewish community shrouded the reality of this truth, even to the disciples. It was kept hidden from them, because they had grown up for decades learning about what the Messiah will do. Even though He's right here in front of them telling them, it's going to look different. It's going to look like this. They were saying, “How does that play into what we have known? You are saying something that doesn't match what we know is going to happen.” It didn't work until after, which is why they write about it here in the account of what we are remembering today, yes.

John 11:53-57 ESV

“So from that day on, they made plans to put Him to death.”

From what day? What day is this? If you know John, chapter eleven, this is the day that Lazarus rose from the dead. He's not in Jerusalem. He's in a town right outside of Jerusalem called Bethany. He's almost there. So the news travels fast between all of Israel, but especially if you're only from Jerusalem. This is the day that Lazarus was raised from the dead after four days gone. From this point on, the chief priests were really, really now going to find a way to put Him to death. Verse 54, “Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there He stayed with the disciples.” Notice, “It is the glory of God to hide a matter. It is the glory of kings to search it out.” In this moment, “Jesus did not walk openly.” He hid Himself. Take note of that phrase. Verse 55, “Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country, to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.” Verse 56, “They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, ‘What do you think?’ that He will not come to the feast at all?” Verse 57, “Now, the chief priest and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest Him.”

John 12:1 ESV

“Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.”

Okay, there He is in Bethany.

John 12:9-19 ESV

“When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of Him, but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.” Verse 10, “So, the chief priest made plans to put Lazarus to death as well.” Right? You killed him once, you can't do it again, right? You can't raise them from the dead again. That would be a real miracle to raise somebody from the dead twice, right? Because, once is not enough. It's just humans, right? Just the deception of anger and rage. “So the chief priest made plans to put Lazarus to death as well.” He's already been raised. They think it's going to stop him. Verse 11, “Because on account of him, many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.” Wow. Here's our triumphal entry, the culmination here. Verse 12, “The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.” What He had set His face to do, and what He had announced we are going to do. The day is now. You with me? Verse 13, “So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” Verse 14, “And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,” in Zechariah. Verse 15, “Fear not, daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming sitting on a donkey's colt!” Verse 16, “His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.” Verse 17, “Then the crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.” Verse 18, “The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign.” Verse 19, “So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.’”

“The world has gone after Him.” It is the fulfillment of Psalm 110, “In the day of your power, your people will volunteer themselves freely.” They said it. They see it. “Look, He has come to Jerusalem. We told them that if you know where He is, let us know.” He boldly goes down the middle of the street on a young colt, through the Gate of the King, and the people are welcoming Him, throwing their clothes, throwing their palms, singing, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” The Pharisees recognized it. “See the people offer themselves freely. They volunteer themselves now in the day of His power. The whole world has gone after Him.” Yet, a few days later, they will be in front of Him in the night. It's amazing. What a turnaround. Right now, the Jewish people and the disciples and those in the crowd that had seen Him are tasting just a glimpse of His kingship every time that Jesus showed up in Jerusalem. This isn't the first time. He gave us a taste of when He will reign.

Last week, Brandy mentioned that when He was there during the Feast of Tabernacles, He cried out, “Those who are thirsty, drink from Me, and out of them will pour rivers of living water.” Saying, “From Me, there will be a river of life, that you will have eternal, perpetual life in Me when I reign. It will be the Spirit of God, My Spirit in you.” Then another time we see that He was in Jerusalem, and He went into the temple. He gave a taste of God's vengeance when He flipped the tables and drove out of the house of prayer, a den of robbers. His disciples saw that, “Zeal for His house has consumed Him,” but He didn't stay in it. He gave a taste. He only gave a glimpse. He only gave a portion of what it will be in the day of the Lord.

Now, when He comes in to Jerusalem on this day of the triumphal entry, we see, He comes in with regality. He comes in with royalty. He comes in the prophecy of the Son of David, to “Hosanna! Hosanna!” Fulfilling Psalm 118, yet it was just a taste. Yet it's just a glimpse, because “It is the glory of God to hide a matter. It is the glory of kings to search it out.” Why isn't it fully revealed? Why isn't it fully there? We know that in Luke, chapter four, when He was in His own town, He read the scripture of the prophecy in Isaiah. He stopped short of the, “Day of the Lord, and the vengeance of our God.” Why would you stop short if, “This is the day of the Lord?” It was always like that with Jesus. That was why they weren't completely sure.

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That's why He will test your own soul. That's how it works with you. He will give you the vision. He will give you the journey. He will give you the destination, but the details don't make sense. He does that with us. He tells you, this is where you're going to go, this is your journey. This is what we're going to accomplish, but the details don't match how that works. The details don't fit together. The details leave something to be wanted, something to be longing for, something that feels left out, because it is the glory of God to hide it just a little bit. It's the glory of kings to search it out.

As you go on this walk with Jesus, He will not tell you how you're going to get there, but He will reveal Himself to you in the journey. Does this make sense? Jesus tells us what is the goal. He tells us where you are going. He gives you dreams and visions. He says, "Though the vision tarries, wait for it, it will surely come." But, as you're going on that journey, and you ask, "Well, what steps do I take?" He often doesn't give you the exact details, but He reveals Himself, and when you know Him, it all falls into place. "I cannot take any credit for how I got to the end of the road, but I met Jesus as Savior here. I met Jesus as Lord here. I met Jesus as Father here. I met Jesus as a Servant here. I met Jesus as King here. I met Jesus as Bridegroom here. I met Jesus. I met Jesus, and the revelation of the hope of glory in you," gets you to the end. He will give you tastes of this glory, until it's the full encounter. This is what He does. This is how it works. We are right now seeing our lives as in a mirror faintly. We have this glimpse of Jesus, but then we shall see Him face to face. When is then? When He reigns on the Earth. Yes.

#### First Corinthians 13:12 ESV

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known"

He's saying that Jesus has fully known me. He has fully redeemed me. He has fully loved me. But right now, though I don't see Him, I love Him, and right now, though I still don't have full revelation of Him, I believe in Him. I have inexpressible joy, and am filled with glory, it says in First Peter, chapter one. It's like I'm looking in this mirror dimly and see these hidden things. Yet I see more and more, face to face. It says in Second Corinthians, that as I see in this mirror, the glory of God more and more, He reveals Himself more and more. I do grow and I do gain Christ, as my self decreases, as my selfishness decreases, and as my flesh decreases. "I see in part now, but then I shall fully know, even as I know Christ in me right now, fully knows me."

This is the same language that Paul tells us in Philippians. He says, "I'm going after all that Christ has laid hold for me." When you really delve into that, well, what is he going after? He says, "That I might suffer with Christ, to know His sufferings, that I might in any way obtain the resurrection of the dead." You go, Paul, but you're not dead, I know. Then he says, a few scriptures later, "Imitate me. Do what I do." Oh, I'm supposed to have the same faith, that I can be glorified in body before I'm dead. Yes, says the Apostle Paul. "Not that I have already obtained it or that I'm already perfect, but I lay hold of that which Christ has already laid hold of for me." 'Now I see faintly. I see dimly, but I know that goal of my life, is to be just like Him. To look like Him, to talk like Him, and to think like Him. To be like Him. It's Christ in me, the hope of glory." Yeah, is this making sense? Yes, it better be making sense. Right now we have that glimpse, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part. Then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known." In His time, His intentions were clear, but He remained hidden from the Jews. Today, His intentions can be clear to you, but His plan to accomplish them in your life can remain hidden from you. You might know exactly what God has called you to do. You might know exactly what the goal is, and you might have your face set like flint to go do it, as Jesus did. But to accomplish those goals, it takes revelation of meeting Him. You will not do it at all. It will all be for the glory of God. The details of how will remain hidden. You will only encounter Him. Isn't that amazing?

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Let's talk about this glory of the Kingdom of God. What is that? Colossians tells us that, "Christ in you is the hope of glory." Why wait? Why wait? Why wait? That's where religion can creep in. "Well, why not wait?" Religion says, "Well, why don't we just wait till we're dead for a glorified body, Paul? That's a lot of work to go through in Christ's sufferings. Why would you want to know Christ in His sufferings, Paul? When we have a promise, when we have a hope, when we can just hang on the Earth until it becomes like Heaven? What is the drive to do that, Paul? What is the drive to do that?" He says, "Well, I don't want to wait. He has already laid hold of that for me." Paul looks at you and says, "So you love the world? You love living in this world? Everything that I've gone through from this world led me to death. *Everywhere* that I put my hands in the dirt led me away from God. You love this world? You love that you fight God? You love that you're at enmity with Him? But the only way to not be at enmity with Him, is to meet Him in His sufferings and overcome the world. "Who is He that has overcome the world? He who has faith in Him." Paul looks at us asking, "Why would you not want to be closer to your inheritance today?" Paul looks at this as world as the only thing that it has ever produced is sin, and sin has only led us away from God. God is what we need for life. So sin is always going to produce separateness from God and death. Why would you want that? Religion says, "Well, it's kind of like that." It's a lie. That is a lie.

The glory of God looks like something. What does the glory of God look like? The glory of God is His goodness. The glory of God is the town of San Angelo being so aware of Him that when you're at HEB, standing there pumping your gas, the conversations you hear is what the Lord has done. Not in a religious way, and not in a way of, "This is what our church did." Not in a way of, "You need to know the Lord." It's like, "Wow, God has been really moving! What's He going to do tomorrow!" That is when the glory of God hits a city. The whole city just can't stop talking about the Lord, because His fame has spread. That's the glory of God, that when they went to the cities, who were they talking about? Jesus, and, "The whole world has gone after Him." When they went into the next city, what were they talking about? Jesus, and what He had done, and what is He going to do again? "Did you hear His teaching and did you know what He said? We marvel that He taught with such authority. Even the demons are talking. That guy that was out there in the the tombs, did you hear about that guy? Did you hear about this?"

What if this is what was happening out there? That's the glory of God, where you can't stop thinking about what God is doing, what God has done, and what might He do again. When you can't help think about how good He is. I'm walking through the midst of Market Street, and I just can't stop thinking about the goodness of God. That's the glory of the Lord. That's the glory of the Lord that we seek here. That it's not just when it's you and Him, it's no matter where you go, you can't escape Him. That, "The glory of the Lord would cover the Earth like the water covers the sea." That there is no stopping His fame. There is no stopping His inheritance. This is what they were after. I mean, He walks into the city that was going to oppose Him, and they can't stop talking about Him. They weren't hush about it. They were constantly saying, "Blessed is this guy, Jesus, who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is Jesus, and blessed be His name! Let Him be King of Israel!" You see it? It would be an overwhelming awareness of His presence, not just when you're here on Sunday. An overwhelming awareness of His presence, that's the glory of God. It would be an entire city who can't stop talking about the Lord and what He's done. The Lord would be the most famous person in town.

How can a city be saved in a day? This is how. How does a city really get saved in a day? By the glory of the Lord, because you can't stop talking about Him. The glory of God would be an inexpressible joy, a swelling of His goodness, a wonder of His power, a trembling fear of His Holiness, moment after moment after moment after moment. The glory of God is relational. It's not just about knowing Him. It's when you hear somebody talking about knowing Him, and you

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want to talk to them about knowing Him. When you talk to them about knowing Him, they can't help but know Him, and you can't help but know Him. Then the city is saved, and then it goes on. Then it goes on. It's built not by man's hands, but by the Spirit of God. It's from heart to heart, soul to soul.

Whatever you are to do, do it unto the glory of God. We read that in Colossians, "Whatever you do, do it unto the glory of God." Whatever you do, do it unto the overwhelming, intangible, inexpressible joy of His presence. That's what the Scripture says, "Do it unto the glory of God." So whatever you do, do it unto the overwhelming awareness of His presence. So whatever you do, do it unto the wonder of His power. So whatever you do, do it unto the trembling fear of His Holiness. So whatever you do, do it unto the inexpressible joy and bliss you find in the love of God. That's the glory of God.

#### First Peter 4:10-11 ESV

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies— in order that in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion, forever and ever. Amen."

"Your people will volunteer freely on the day of your power."

We recognize that we have tasted a glimpse, but we live as if today is the day of the Lord. Today is the day of His salvation. Today is the day of His kingship. Today is the day that Jesus reigns. Today is the day that Jesus is Lord, and we are His people. We are His ambassadors, and we are of His Kingdom. So we are here to build this Kingdom. We are here to build the Kingdom of Glory. There are things to do, but it's only going to be the next thing. That's what He would do. What are we going to do? We're going to go to this town. But, where are we going? Well, we're going to go to Jerusalem. But, what do we do today? Go to this town.

Go to this town. We talked about this in our devotion series. You might be asked to go prepare an upper room. Or as in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says to go untie a colt and when you come to that colt, if anyone asks you, "What are you doing?" Just say to them, "The Lord has need of it." Sure enough, it happened, as He said. They went in to the town and saw a colt tied to a rail. They untied it, and someone came up and said, "What are you doing with this colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it, and He will return it shortly." They believed them, and they took that colt to Jesus. Then they were revealed the King. They had a revelation of who He was.

This is what it looks like in the house of God. He'll tell you the simple thing, but it's a hidden mystery. Why do I need to get a colt right now? What are we doing? Yet you will encounter Him through it, and the hidden things eventually become revealed. Do you see this? As we go in the Kingdom of God, we are advancing the glory and the dominion this way. We often think of it in big measures, as in taking the whole mountain! Yes, He might have said, "That's the goal, we're bringing the mountain of God here." Well a mountain is a massive undertaking. But, "If you have a voice, speak as if you're speaking from God, and if you have helps, serve as if one who serves by the strength that God supplies. In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." You understand? We will continue next Sunday.

Let's stand and pray. If you have need of prayer for anything, we are up here. We sure love you. Keep Him in mind. That is the glory of God.

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“Lord Jesus, you are the King of our hearts. You are the King of this family. You are our Lord. You are Master. You are the Savior of our hearts and our lives. You have bought us with a pure blood. We have needed your blood, and you provided God. We have needed your life, and you provided. You have not held back any such thing for us to have life and righteousness, peace, holiness, grace, fulfillment and lovingkindness. You satisfy our souls. You do not hold back. You are a lavish Father, who pours out gifts upon your children, and we receive these gifts, God. We bless your name. We say, “Blessed is He who has come in the name of the Lord. You have entered in our hearts. We are your temple, God. We are your temple, Holy Spirit. Reveal Jesus.” In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.