

Title: An Entrance Like David

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Micah 2:12-13 NKJV

Brandy spoke about gathering in close to Him, and being comforted within Him. We have been learning in Holy Spirit, as we are feeding the flame, that we are in Him. In Him we have our being. In Him we have our breath. In Him we move. It is "Christ, the hope of glory, in us." The hope of glory is within you, Christ Jesus, the Messiah, the Blessed One. In this gathering that we read about in Micah, it is as if He is bringing them all in. We have talked about that. How Jesus longs, "as a mother hen, to gather all of them under His wing." But, there is a tumult.

This week in our town, we can relate to this. In Christian tradition, this is our holy week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Passover is the Holy Week of the Bible. Passover begins Wednesday night and will *go for a week*. In San Angelo, they sometimes collide with our rodeo. We understand that when there is a large gathering of people together, there is a loud noise and a tumult. In San Angelo during rodeo season, *many people are wearing boots, traffic is increased, local stores and restaurants are more crowded*. We understand this. Easter and Passover are also times when a multitude of people gather together over a period of a week.

Passover is a feast and a time when the Jews gather together in Jerusalem. We heard a few weeks ago from a word given, that the people would say to each other, "I will see you next year in Jerusalem." This is the time of coming together in Jerusalem for Passover for the Jews. There will be a feast in the Fall that Gentiles and Jews celebrate together, called the Feast of Tabernacles. It is a feast in the Fall for both Christians and Jews.

Passover is the remembrance and celebration by the Jews of their exit out of Egypt. Exodus is the book in the scriptures written about this. They are celebrating the exodus when one night they left Egypt with riches, glory, and freedom from their bondage and identity as slaves, because of the blood of a lamb on their doorposts that kept them from the curse of the death of the firstborn son. "That you shall lose your firstborn son," not just of your children but of your flock and of your livestock. It was a severe plague, and only those who had killed an innocent lamb and put that blood on their doorposts, made it through without that curse hitting them.

Spiritually, that represents us. We have the blood of the *Lamb of God* on us, so that death will pass over us. We have been grafted into this blessing in the family of God, as the seed of Abraham by faith. Abraham believed by faith before the law came about. It was not by works. Jesus fulfilled the law, so that the Gentiles, that is me and you, could be grafted into the blessing of Abraham. Praise God! That is what you have been grafted in. That is what this week is about. I think it is significant for our town. We understand this gathering together.

Micah 2:12-13

Jesus fulfills the prophecy in Micah here, in what He is saying in John 10. Remember, Jesus said, He would gather them together "like sheep in the fold." They would "come with a loud noise." Then, "He will break out before them." Their "King will lead them out." It is the "breaker anointing," that we have talked about on Christ the Lord "going before them."

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John 10:1-3

He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. That is what He is talking about. This is Micah 2:12, right? "He will gather them together." But, Jesus has said Himself, "not all Israel, is Israel." The apostle wrote that "not all Israel, is Israel." He will gather them together, but "Mine will hear My voice, and I will lead them out." I will get them out. They will hear My voice.

There was a story I read last month about an eyewitness at a watering hole. This eyewitness was just sitting there at this watering hole, when all of a sudden a herd of sheep was coming. The shepherd brought a herd of sheep, and they were drinking at the waterhole. Then another shepherd came with a flock of sheep, and they began to drink from the watering hole. Later another herd of sheep was brought in by a shepherd to the water hole to drink. Three folds of sheep are all in the watering hole. The shepherds have not talked to anyone in a while, so they get together and talk. Meanwhile, all of the white sheep are mingling and mixing together. They are not in their original folds. This eyewitness wondered how in the world the shepherds are going to separate all of these sheep back to their original flocks. They are all mixed up, and they all look white. How do you get them separated? When the shepherds were ready to leave, they walked down the path and each one begin to sing a song. As each shepherd sang their song, their sheep heard the voice of their shepherd. All of a sudden there was a tumult of noise and sheep. There was movement and there was chaos, but the sheep separated themselves, to follow their shepherd.

That is us and how we are during rodeo week. We are all at the fairgrounds. Some have tickets to the rodeo events and when they begin, everyone moves toward the doors to get in and get seated. Everybody who wants to go to the carnival is going the other way. When the rodeo events are over, the people come to the carnival area. There is a tumult of people and noise. There is an influx of people. There is a movement.

Who are you listening to in this time? Who are you listening to in this season? You can go through this season and hear someone else's voice very easily. We have been called to be set apart to hear the voice of our Shepherd at this time.

John 10:2-3

"He goes before them."

Micah 2:13

"He breaks out and He goes before them."

John 10:4-9

Now, He adds He is not just the Shepherd of whose voice you are supposed to follow, but He is the actual Door. He is the Door and the Shepherd who goes through it. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is the Voice. You can be both. He is the Door. You cannot even get into the sheepfold without the Lord Jesus Christ. You cannot even get in there. The pen cannot be opened to you unless you *have* the blood of Jesus on your sins.

John 10:8-10

Jesus comes in.

Micah 2:13

He comes to break out.

John 10:10

The thief came to steal, kill and destroy. The thief is jumping over. We understand this in our life. The thief is the devil.

Psalm 23

You are in the flock of God. You go in and out in His green pastures. You know His rod and His staff, and it comforts you. You are free. "Whom the Son sets free, is free indeed." You are not in bondage. You can come in and out. You are on the path of life. You are following the Good Shepherd wherever He will go. This is the walk of faith. This is the spiritual understanding He is giving of being in the sheepfold and being in the flock of God.

Holy Spirit knows that the devil is a wolf. The wolf is always going to try to get in through the pen. He is only going to try to get in over the gate. He is going to try to go in over the fence. He is going to figure out how to lure the sheep out to steal, kill and destroy them.

There needs to be a time of deliverance. There needs to be a Deliverer who can get you out when you are in *trouble*. There needs to be a Deliverer that can get you, when you are lured away. There needs to be a Shepherd who goes after the one.

Micah 2:13

There is One who will break them out of their bondage. He will also lead them out, and He will pull them out. He will be the King, Adonai, the Lord. That is what we are talking about. Jesus says this is Me. Right here, He is fulfilling the prophecy of Micah 2 in this chapter of John. These are spiritual things.

John 10:11-12

"I am the good Shepherd. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly." You have it more abundantly, because He gives His own life. Praise God that He is an everlasting spring of life, because He is ever alive. He is consistently giving you His essence of life. He is consistently giving you His resurrection power. That is why it says "May the God of our peace, resurrect your mortal bodies with His power." Because, He is giving you His very life. He is giving you His very Spirit of resurrection life. He gives His life to you every time you take communion by faith in the Spirit.

John 10:12-14

Brandy and I are relaying to you to be in Him. You have to be known by Him. He says, "Those that are My sheep, I am known by them. They are known by Me, and I know them."

Matthew 7:22

There will be people that will cast out demons as a believer and a Christian, that do not know Jesus. I do not understand it. But, it is true. There will be Christians that speak "in the name of Jesus," and that have "healed in the name of Jesus," but Jesus will look at them and say, "I do not even know you." The only thing that matters in this Book is, "are you in the Book of Life? Are you in Him?" Are you known by the Book of Life? Who is the Book of Life? Jesus, the Word of God made flesh is the Book of Life. Are you known by this Book? Does this Book know you? You can have a spiritual relationship with the Word of God. Who is it? Jesus, are you known by Him? He says, you, "My sheep, will be known by me." That is it. That is all that matters. When you see Jesus, and He sees you, you know Him. After all of the years that you have walked on this Earth, there you are *with Him in Heaven*. You do not have to say anything. He is the One that says it first, "There you are. Well done. I know you." You have to know Him. You have to know His face, before you see His face. You have to know His voice, before you hear His voice. You have to know His spirit, before you are encapsulated in the presence of God, in His Spirit. You have to know His flesh, before you see His flesh. You have to know His hands, before you see His hands. You have to know His feet, before you see His feet. Yes, I will be known by Him. *He says*, "I will be known by them." *You say*, "Grant you are not making any sense." Yes, I am.

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John 10:14-16

That is what Krista was talking about today. That is us. If you are not a Jew, that is you. You are the other fold. You are the “black” sheep, that are now part of the “white” sheep. That is us. That is me. Praise God. Praise God. He says no, no, no, it is not just about the Jews. I have many that are going to be in this flock with me. Praise God. We heard His voice. Praise God. He made a way for us to hear His voice. He did not call us unclean anymore. We never were unclean, but He made sure of it, by His blood.

John 10:17-18

This is Jesus. He is laying down His life for us. This is right before He is on His way to Jerusalem, before the time of Passover and He raises Lazarus from the dead. He is in prayer, obviously, and the Father tells Him, “You have the authority and the power to lay down your life. I am giving you the power and authority, that after you die, you can take it up again.” He did not even go to the cross unless the command of God came to Him. “I have received this command and this instruction from My Father that I will go and lay down my life, but He also gave me the power and the instruction that I will take it up again.” Nobody has done that, not even Elijah or Elisha. This is a mighty Prophet speaking. “This command I have received from my Father, that I will lay down my life.” But, I will choose to breathe again. I will choose to grab it again. I will choose to take My life again and live forevermore. That is what we believe. I believe it, because He said it. Yes.

Matthew 11:7

Why is there a multitude? There is a bunch of people gathering in Jerusalem for something. They are making noise, figuring out stuff, and kids are running everywhere. Thirty years ago, Jesus was one of the kids just running everywhere when Mary and Joseph were there with their family for Passover. There is noise and a gathering of people going on right now. Jesus says we are going to join in here. Get a colt of a donkey, I am going to come into the city. I am not in the right place. I should be in Mark not Matthew.

Mark 11:7-11

Now, this is not necessarily a new thing, because during this time, when anybody of prominence came into the city, this was similar to how the people greeted them. But, what is significant is what they are saying. They are prophesying, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Then the next line, “Blessed is the Kingdom of our father David.”

Matthew 21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Mark 11:11

He did not spend the night in Jerusalem. He left and went out to Bethany with the twelve. The King came into His city, and on the day that He was received as a King, He did not spend the night in His city. It is very prominent, very, very prophetic there. That He was addressed as the King. This is why it is called Palm Sunday, because they were cutting down leafy branches from the trees, and they spread them on the road. They were singing “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord and blessed is the kingdom of our father David. Why are they singing this about the son of David? What is this tradition?

1 Samuel 18:6-9

Whenever David came home, they would sing songs to him. There is a very interesting correlation between this passage and Palm Sunday. I want you to see this again. Now what happened is that when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistines, the women came out and all of those in Jerusalem, the city of Israel. They were singing and dancing to meet King Saul, with tambourines, joy, and with musical instruments. The issue was that when

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they came out to greet King Saul, they did not care about Saul. They were singing and dancing, because of David in every town as they went forward. As they came back home to Jerusalem, in every town they are singing, dancing, and saying, "Wow, blessed is David! He has killed ten thousand. Saul has killed thousands, but David has killed ten thousands."

Can you imagine as they go to one town, after another, and see that everyone is singing for one guy, and it was not the king. It is going to irritate him, right? It did. There is singing and dancing. Who are they singing and dancing for on Palm Sunday? The son of David, the son of the kingdom of David. The tradition moved on. Notice what Saul said, "What is more, but for David to get the whole kingdom. What is more for Him but to get the whole kingdom?" What are they saying?

John 12:9-12

A great many of the Jews knew that Jesus was there in Jerusalem or coming close. Bethany was like a little suburb. They knew that He was in the region. They are getting excited. They have gathered around. They came, not for Jesus's sake, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

See the similarities here. David came after conquering the Philistines. He conquered one mighty Philistine, Goliath. Jesus just conquered death in Lazarus. The Jews hear about it. They are getting excited. It is almost Passover time, and they are gathered. The news is traveling fast. They wanted to see Jesus, but not only Him, but to see Lazarus. Because, it is happening. Could this be Him? Could this be the son of David? Could this be the son of David?

John 12:10-13

He is on His way. News spreads fast. The kids are talking. The kids are running. The women are going out. The women are starting to dance. This is how you greeted people of importance at this time I know. But, this is how you greet the king of David, the son of David. When you say this, they cried out "Hosanna blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel."

John 12:14-18

When David and Saul were coming back. What were they going to see? The one who killed Goliath. The one who killed the giant. The one who had done this sign. Now, his son, Jesus, so many generations later, had killed the giant death. "He killed the giant death. I want to go and see this one." What comes out of the people, but another song, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" Whoa, right? What did they say though? Saul was begrudging and said, "What more will he take but the kingdom? What more can he be given, but my own kingdom?"

John 12:18-19

Who is begrudging here? The pharisees are saying, "Look, the world has gone after Him. What more can we do?" The world is going after this one guy. It is the same. He is fulfilling the scripture. He is fulfilling the prophecy.

This is the week of prophecy. I want you to have ears to hear it. He will speak a new thing to you this week. He will speak to you a new thing this week. He will quicken your mortal body by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, amen. We are gathering in Him.

Let's stand and pray. Next week we will rejoice in remembering Resurrection Sunday. Holy Spirit, we honor your word. Wow, you are the King of Israel, Jesus. You are also the King of the world. You are the King of the Jews. You are also the King of our hearts. You are the great Messiah. You are the High Priest. You are the only One that can be the Law Giver, the

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Judge, and the King. You are our threefold government in one. We long for your administration. We thank you, Father, for what you are doing. We want your glory to be known. We want to behold your glory, but we also want to hold it. Fill us with it. Let us not just look upon the Lord, but let us be filled with the Lord. Let us not just look upon the mountain, but let us go to the mountain. Let us be a people that are after you and are known by you. In Jesus's name we pray, amen.