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## **Monday**

Prov. 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Over 500 years before the birth of Jesus, God had it all worked out. He knew of Bethlehem. He knew of Golgotha. He had worked out the plan down to the smallest issue of a donkey on which Jesus would ride into the city of David. Such things are not difficult for God. God also has your life worked out. When you walk with Him, trusting Him, He will orchestrate your days as surely as He did the Savior's. He knows your needs, your gifts, and your purpose. Trust in Him. He has planned for your today and your tomorrow.

## **Tuesday**

Zech. 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

“Rejoice is a choice.” Say it aloud, “Rejoice is a choice.” Make it your mantra. Make it your choice. Anyone can walk in gloom. Everyone can wallow in criticism. But God has made a different plan and commanded a different choice for you. From Zechariah to Philippians, the command is consistent. You are to choose to rejoice. Look at what the Lord has done for you, and rejoice. Look at the redemption secured in Christ, and rejoice. Even look at your trials, knowing God will see you through them and use them to build you up – And Rejoice!

## **Wednesday**

Zech. 9:9 ...Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

“Riding on a donkey? Why was the King of Glory riding on a donkey? He should have been in the grandest of carriages, with footmen surrounding Him. He was accustomed to riding on the clouds with angels marking the way. What is He doing riding on a donkey?” I will tell you what He is doing. He is showing you His love. Humbly He took upon the flesh of man and walked the dirty streets of our lives. He made Himself approachable and showed Himself intimately interested. He is approachable still. He knows our weaknesses, our struggles, and our pain. Go to Jesus.

## **Thursday**

Zech. 9:9-10 ... your King is coming ...And His dominion will be from sea to sea...

Though approachable – He is the King of Glory, with all the power, rights and authority of the King. He is Messiah Jesus. He is Lord of heaven and of earth. He is Creator-God, who spoke the world into existence, who formed the heavens and earth. He is the Coming One, who will judge the living and the dead. He is due our reverence and honor, our obedience and service. He is powerful, commanding the forces of nature. All of this – and He loves you, using His great power on your behalf. (Eph 1:18-21) Praise Him. Worship Him. Thank Him.

## **Friday**

Matt. 24:14 “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Not one advent but two! Soon we will celebrate a new advent season, the second advent, the glorious advent, the second coming. What is holding Him back? The preaching of the Gospel to the whole world. What is postponing the preaching? Our lack of giving and our lack of going! Pray and commit yourself to both – giving and going. In this season of celebration, remember that Jesus was willing to do both for you! Pray, give, go – to your neighbors and to the world. Pray, give, go – let it be your heart and your commitment. Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming soon?