



Daily Devotionals – March 30, 2025

Day 1: The King Sends You First

 **Scripture: Mark 11:1–2**

“As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.’”

Reflection:

Before Jesus entered Jerusalem, before palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna," He sent two ordinary disciples on a seemingly small mission—to find a colt. It may have felt unimportant at the time, but it was actually prophetic. Sometimes God asks us to take small, obedient steps that lead to something sacred. When Jesus sends you ahead, He’s preparing to enter behind you.

Story:

James had only been attending church for six months when the pastor asked if he could help set up chairs for a community event. He almost said no—he didn’t feel like he mattered much to the church yet. But something stirred in him, a quiet sense that maybe this small act could mean something. So he showed up early Saturday morning, moved chairs, picked up trash in the parking lot, and even helped serve donuts to volunteers.

What James didn’t know was that a single mother drove into the parking lot that morning, hesitant about coming. When she saw smiling faces, a clean space, and a seat waiting for her, she felt welcomed and stayed. That same woman later gave her life to Christ. James thought he was just moving chairs—but God was moving hearts. Just like those two disciples sent for the colt, God uses small acts of obedience to prepare the way for something holy.

Prayer:

Lord, help me say yes when You call—whether the task is big or small. Remind me that You use ordinary people for extraordinary purposes, and nothing You ask is ever wasted. Let me be faithful in the details so that I may help prepare a way for Your presence to move in someone's life. Amen.

Day 2: Let It Go for the Lord

Scripture: Mark 11:3

"If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

Reflection:

Sometimes the Lord asks us to release something that we hold tightly—time, possessions, control—so He can use it for something greater. In this verse, Jesus tells the disciples to take a colt that belongs to someone else. But it wasn't theft—it was trust. The phrase "The Lord needs it" is enough. The same is true for us today.

Story:

Maria had saved for years to buy a second car so her teenage son could get to school and work. Just before they made the purchase, she heard during prayer one morning: *"What if someone else needs it more?"* She pushed the thought aside. That evening, she ran into a young single mom from her church whose car had broken down and was struggling to get to work. Maria listened, heart pounding.

That night she told her son, "I think God wants us to do something different." They gave the money to help the woman buy a reliable used car. It wasn't easy—but they never missed a ride, and within months, a family friend gave them a car unexpectedly. Maria realized then that when we loosen our grip on what's "ours," we make space for God to use it—and often return it in ways we never imagined.

Prayer:

Jesus, give me the courage to release what I hold tightly when You call. Whether it's my time, money, possessions, or plans, remind me that all I have is ultimately Yours. Teach me to trust that when You say, "The Lord needs it," I can give with confidence, knowing You are faithful to use it and return far more than I expect. Amen.



Day 3: The God Who Sees the Details



Scripture: Mark 11:4

“They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it...”



Reflection:

God’s instructions are never vague. When Jesus told the disciples where to find the colt, it was specific—down to the fact that it would be *tied at a doorway*. That’s the kind of detail only the all-knowing God could give. He doesn’t guess. He **knows**—and He still sees your life with that same level of care. Nothing about your situation is overlooked.



Story:

Tanya was feeling overwhelmed. She had just lost her job, and bills were stacking up. One night she prayed with desperation: “God, I need something—anything—that shows me You haven’t forgotten me.” The next day, she opened her mailbox and found an envelope with her name on it—no return address. Inside was a note that simply read, *“God sees you. You’re not alone.”* Tucked inside was a \$200 gift card to the grocery store.

She wept on her porch, not because of the money, but because of the timing. It reminded her that God had seen her *exact* need—not just generally, but specifically. He hadn’t forgotten. Like the colt tied to a doorway, God knew exactly where she was and what she needed. And He hasn’t changed—He sees you, too.



Prayer:

Lord, thank You that You are a God of detail and timing. Help me trust that You see the big picture *and* the little things. When I feel overlooked or forgotten, remind me that nothing in my life escapes Your loving eyes. You are already working on the solutions I can’t yet see. Help me rest in that truth. Amen.



Day 4: Obedience May Invite Questions



Scripture: Mark 11:5–6

“Some people standing there asked, ‘What are you doing, untying that colt?’ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.”



Reflection:

Obedying God sometimes makes others uncomfortable—or curious. When you step out in faith, people might question you. But when you’re doing what Jesus asked, you can walk forward with boldness, even when it doesn’t make sense to others. Obedience doesn’t always come with full understanding, but it always carries God’s favor.

**Story:**

Derek felt a strong conviction to decline a job promotion that would have doubled his salary but taken him far from his community and family. People were shocked. “Why would you say no to that?” they asked. “You’ve worked so hard for this.” But deep inside, Derek sensed that God was asking him to stay where he could make the greatest impact—not just in his career, but in people’s lives.

Months later, Derek’s father was diagnosed with cancer. Because he hadn’t relocated, Derek was able to be at every appointment, hold his dad’s hand through treatments, and help his family navigate a hard season. He later realized the promotion would have taken him away from his most important mission. People may not always understand your yes—or your no—but when it aligns with God’s voice, you can be confident in your step.

**Prayer:**

Father, help me be obedient even when others don’t understand. Let my confidence rest not in public approval but in private obedience to You. Give me peace when the questions come, and help me answer them with grace, patience, and clarity. I want to follow Your voice more than I follow comfort or praise. Amen.

**Day 5: He Came in Peace****Scripture: Mark 11:7**

“When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, He sat on it.”

**Reflection:**

Kings in ancient times rode warhorses when they came to conquer and donkeys when they came in peace. Jesus chose a donkey—not for its status, but for what it symbolized. He didn’t come to dominate, but to reconcile. His choice tells us what kind of King He is—gentle, humble, and deeply intentional.

**Story:**

Angela was used to leadership that was loud. At work, at home, and even in past churches, those in charge had always demanded, not invited. But when she joined a new Bible study group, the leader surprised her. He didn’t talk the most. He asked questions. He listened. When he shared, his words came from a place of deep humility, and people leaned in—not because they had to, but because they wanted to.

That leader reminded her of Jesus—gentle but firm, strong but approachable. It reshaped her understanding of what power looks like. She realized that Jesus didn’t come to intimidate, but to bring peace. And His peace still speaks louder than any forceful voice. Angela decided she wanted to lead like that too—in her home, her friendships, and her faith.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for being the kind of King who chooses humility over power and peace over force. Teach me to lead with that same spirit—to bring calm, to listen well, and to carry Your presence gently into the spaces I enter. May my life reflect the peace You rode in with. Amen.

Day 6: Hosanna in Our Hearts

Scripture: Mark 11:9–10

“Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, ‘Hosanna!’... ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Reflection:

Hosanna means “Save us now.” It’s a cry of both praise and desperation. The crowd was shouting it because they believed Jesus was the answer—but many didn’t understand what kind of salvation He was bringing. Sometimes we cry out to God hoping for one kind of rescue, while He’s quietly bringing a deeper one.

Story:

When Lisa’s business began to fail, she prayed fervently: “*God, save this company!*” She fasted. She asked friends to intercede. She even planted Bible verses on the walls of her office. But the business still closed. For a while, she was bitter. “Did You even hear me, Lord?” she asked through tears.

Months later, she started volunteering at a local shelter. There, she discovered her real calling—counseling and encouraging women who had lost everything. Her pain gave her empathy. Her time gave her freedom. What she thought was failure had actually opened the door to her true purpose. God *had* answered her prayer—but in a way that saved far more than just her business.

Prayer:

Lord, when I cry out *Hosanna*, help me trust Your way of saving. Even when it looks different than I hoped, remind me that You are always working for my good. Teach me to praise You in both the shouting and the silence, and to trust that Your rescue runs deeper than I can imagine. Amen.

Day 7: The Quiet Before the Cross

Scripture: Mark 11:11

“Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve.”

Reflection:

After all the celebration, Jesus doesn't give a speech or perform a miracle—He simply looks around the temple... and leaves. This moment of silence is rich with purpose. Jesus isn't after attention. He's after hearts. He sees what's happening in His Father's house—and He's preparing to cleanse it. Sometimes the most powerful moments aren't loud. They're quiet.

Story:

Pastor Ron stood in the back of his church after a busy Sunday service. The music was done, the lights were off, and the sanctuary was nearly empty. As he looked around, he noticed little things—a bulletin under a pew, a tear on a seat cushion, a woman still sitting alone in prayer. He wasn't just seeing a room. He was seeing a people. A mission. A place that needed care and intentional presence.

He thought of Jesus entering the temple—how He saw what others ignored. It wasn't about grand gestures. It was about being fully present and preparing for what needed to be restored. Ron bowed his head and whispered, "Lord, help me see what You see." In the silence, he felt a sacred nudge—sometimes transformation starts not with noise, but with vision.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for seeing deeply—into places, people, and hearts. Help me to pause long enough to truly look around and notice what You notice. Give me vision for what needs restoring and the patience to prepare the way for Your work. May I never confuse loud moments with lasting ones. Teach me to honor the holy in the quiet. Amen.