

Monday

## The Lord Needs Them

**Today's Scripture** Matthew 21

As you read Matthew 21, there is a lot going on. Jesus was on His way into Jerusalem for His triumphal entry. When He got there, He cleansed the temple of the money changers and vendors. The next morning He cursed the fig tree, and then found Himself in a tense confrontation with the chief priests and elders. He followed that confrontation with two parables, both of which were designed to condemn the leaders of the people. All of these events had a direct impact on His being crucified on the cross of Calvary.

But in the midst of this active, dramatic chapter we find a wonderful occurrence. As Jesus prepared to enter Jerusalem He instructed His disciples to go get a donkey and colt, and if anyone asked what they were doing they were to answer, "The Lord needs them" (Matthew 21:3). The implication was there would be no argument to that answer, for knowing the Lord had need would be sufficient.

Is there a lot going on in your life? For most people, there usually is. There is church and work. There are ball games, birthday parties, travel, and a host of other things which constantly brings activity...and sometimes tension, confrontations, and drama. Those are times you find yourself juggling and struggling, trying to keep all the balls in the air and trying to satisfy the plethora of obligations which life has brought upon you. It takes a lot of time, energy, and resources to keep you and your family going.

No matter how busy you get though, there will be times when you have something that the Lord has need of. It may be your time, your house, your car, or just your attention. You may need to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). You may need to "go...and proclaim the gospel" (Mark 16:15). You may need to lift up fallen hands or strengthen weak knees (Hebrews 12:12). When that time comes, will the fact that the Lord has need of you be sufficient?

**Today I will...**open my eyes to the needs of the Lord and will joyfully supply what is required, knowing the sufficiency of His grace in my life (2 Corinthians 12:9).