## Destination Easter Week 5: Celebration!

"The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors <sup>13</sup> took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Hail to the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: <sup>15</sup> "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt." <sup>17</sup> Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. <sup>18</sup> That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. <sup>19</sup> Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"

John 12:12-15, 17-19 (NLT)

### 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of Celebration.

#### 2. A Celebration \_\_\_\_\_.

"Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." <sup>40</sup> Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" <sup>41</sup> So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." <sup>43</sup> Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

John 11:39-44 (NLT)

#### 2. The True \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Celebration.

"But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. <sup>24</sup> For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

John 4:23-24 (NLT)

**A.**\_\_\_\_\_.

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**B.**\_\_\_\_\_.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 (NIV84)

"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

"I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

"I am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7,9)

"I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)

"I am the resurrection and the life. (John 11:25)

"I am the true vine." (John 15:1, 5)

#### True Celebration is not:

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# 3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of true Celebration.

"...To this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ...For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

2 Corinthians 3:14, 17-18 (NLT)

A.\_\_\_\_\_.

"Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!"

Acts 16:25-26 (NLT)

**B.**\_\_\_\_\_.

"...But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"<sup>40</sup> He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

Luke 19:39-40 (NLT)