

# The Bulletin

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### **“Triumphal Entry”**

By Lance Byers

Yearly, Passion Week arrives marking the (Jewish) calendar date of the week Jesus goes to the cross and is resurrected three days later. The beginning of this is marked by His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Mark 11:7-10 reads, *“And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!’”*



This moment in Jesus' life marked the beginning of the end of His ministry and all the manifestation of all the prophecies from ages past about the salvation of mankind. This week would be filled with betrayal and pain for Him, but it starts with this heartwarming scene of celebration and joy.

The beginning is a simple request of Jesus. One that He could have done Himself, but He asks the disciples to go into the city and get Him a young donkey. He tells exactly where to go, the words to say, and who to speak with to obtain this young donkey. The disciples do not have to understand fully, but only to recognize Jesus' authority and be obedient to Him. They do exactly as He instructs and return with the donkey. They throw their cloaks on the donkey, and Jesus rides on the donkey as they enter the city. The people then spread cloaks on the ground and the leafy greens celebrating His entry. It is a moment of incredible joy for the moment of the Messiah's work has arrived!

The joy and celebration are so great that the Jews, in their hardened state, take notice in Luke 19:39-40: *“And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.’”*

There was nothing that could stop the celebration when Jesus came into the heart of the Jewish world and the same is true when we are baptized. At the time of baptism, we feel that jolt of excitement in knowing that all our sins are washed away; knowing that salvation has come to us and that we are in a saved state.

Even if the devil does enter our thoughts and offer us temptation, there is nothing to stop that joy we receive from fellow Christians and express for the gift we have been given. Just as with Jesus, the true test comes afterwards.

Baptism is a moment of joy, just as Jesus comes into Jerusalem, but that does not mean that Satan is finished with us. Just because a victory has occurred, Satan does not give up. After Jesus' baptism, the devil tempted Him and mightily lost, but Luke tells us that he is not going to give up. Luke writes, *“And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time”* (4:13).

Peter said, *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour"* (1 Peter 5:8). The devil, even during the triumphal entry, though the Jews, was already seeking to attack Him again.

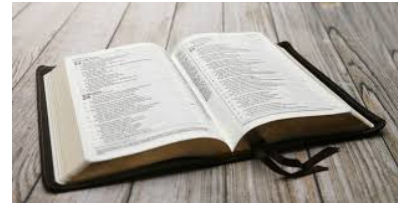
As we go through our life as a Christian, we are not invulnerable to the devil's temptation and will find that the attacks from the devil are ever stronger as we draw closer to God. We still live in this world, and our bodies are made from the dust of this earth. God made us for this world, but as it is fallen, we seek to find a way to overcome the sin which has entered in.

That solution is Christ. The devil will never give up until the day when he is thrown into the lake of fire.

## Memory Verse of the Week:

### Psalm 119:11 (NKJB)

*"Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You."*



## “WHO ARE THE 144,000?”

By Joe R. Price

The book of Revelation is full of symbolism intended to reveal to the recipients of John's letter "things which must shortly come to pass," while shielding the Christians from the increasing persecutions of their adversaries (Revelation 1:1). This style of writing gave encouragement and comfort to God's people during troublesome times of trial and suffering.

To define the 144,000 in Revelation 7:3-4 and 14:1-5 as the literal number of those saved in heaven does inestimable damage to understanding God's word. Consistency of this interpretation would demand that they are only "of the children of Israel" and male virgins (Revelation 7:4; 14:4).

No one defining 144,000 as a literal number consistently applies their literal interpretation to the remainder of the text. If they did, these "servants of God" are on the earth, not in heaven according to Revelation 7:1-4.

144,000 is used symbolically in the book of Revelation. The number 12 represents God's covenant people (as in the 12 tribes of Israel). This number is multiplied by itself, then multiplied by 1,000 (a multiple of 10, a number representing completeness).

Thus, the number 144,000 represents the totality of God's faithful people. In Revelation 7:1-4, it represents the servants of God on earth (7:3-4) who are known and protected by God ("sealed," cf. 2 Tim. 2:19).

In context, God was assuring His people He would guard them unto eternal life when He unleashed His judgments against those who opposed the gospel and persecuted His saints.

In Revelation 14:1-5, the scene shifts to a triumphal vision of the redeemed in heaven. Secure in the stronghold of Mt. Zion with the Lamb standing before them, the redeemed now sing "a new song before the throne" of God. The 144,000 (the totality of God's saints, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb) are victorious in Christ over the beast (who made war with the saints, Revelation 13:7-18).

With sweeping symbolism, the book of Revelation assures God's people (then and now) that if they will be patient, keep God's commands, and remain faithful to Christ, they will have victory through the Lamb of God (Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-17; 12:11-12; 13:7-10; 14:12-13; 17:14).

When you "follow the Lamb wherever He goes," you will also be among the 144,000, known and protected by God now and destined to rejoice around God's throne eternally (Revelation 14:4).

**Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:**

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, LuAnne Parrish, Billie Grisham, B.J. Graves, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Stacy & Annette Meeks, Anita Harris' mother: Hillard Switcher, Kiefer Norman (Robbie Doles' relative), Evelyn Trimble, Danny Briggs (cancer), Kelcy Whittemore, Cameron Hutchins, the McCarthy family in Baldwyn (two men have cancer, one is terminal), Karen Kennemur, Dianne Johnson, Randy Ferrell (diagnosed with Parkinson's disease), & Greg Fields (Brandi Meade's uncle with Pancreatic cancer).

**Updates:** Billie Grisham is in Dogwood Assisted Living, here in Corinth.

Sherry Fuqua Doles is home and doing some better, still needs our prayers.

Russell Briggs is recovering from surgery.

LuAnne Parrish is still at Tishomingo Manor for rehabilitation.

Lynlie Cottrell is at home recovering from her surgery.

Randall Oliver (Lynlie's dad) is recovering from surgeries to remove skin cancer.

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

**Opening Prayer:** Blake Briggs  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon #1:** "Standing Firm In Your Convictions"

**Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:**

**Workbook:** Fred Johnson  
**Author:** Passing The Torch  
Mike Willis  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page 23, Question #1

**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

**Announcements:** Russell Briggs  
**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:** Danny Sheffield  
**Scripture Reading:** Daniel 2:47-49.  
**Song Leader:** Paul Busby  
**Lord's Supper:** Paul Busby  
**Assisting:** — —  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon #2:** "Helping The Faithless To Come To Faith"  
**Closing Prayer:** Nathan Meade

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.**

**June 17, 2026**

**Auditorium Bible Class:** Russell Briggs  
**Workbook:** The Book Of Mark  
**Author:** By Mike Willis  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page #58, Question #14  
**Invitation:** Brian Meade  
**Song Leader:** Paul Busby  
**Closing Prayer:** Nathan Meade

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# “Standing Firm In Your Convictions”

Lesson Text: **Daniel 1:1-21.**

## **I. Convictions Will Be Tested.**

- **Daniel 1:3-7.** Daniel Was Removed From Everything Familiar To Him.
  - Taken From His Homeland.
  - Separated From His Family.
  - Immersed In A Pagan Culture.
- The Babylonians Tried To Change:
  - Their Home.
  - Their Education.
  - Their Culture.
  - Their Identity.
- Daniel’s Convictions Were Tested.
  - Would He Go Along, To Get Along?
  - He Determined Not To Defile Himself.
  - He Did Not Budge On His Convictions.

## **II. Convictions Must Be Settled Before The Test Comes.**

- **Daniel 1:8.** *“But Daniel purposed in his heart....”*
  - Before The Pressure.
  - Before The Temptation.
  - Before The Compromise.
  - Before The Test.

## **III. Standing Firm Requires Obedience Over Convenience.**

- **Daniel 1:8-16.**
  - Daniel Refused To Compromise, Respectfully.
  - Conviction Doesn’t Require Rudeness.
  - Daniel Offered A Godly Alternative.
  - There Is A Big Difference Between Submission & Compromise.

## **IV. God Honors Loyalty**

- **Daniel 1:17-20.**
  - They Were Loyal To Their Faith & Convictions.
  - God Blessed Daniel And His Friends.
  - God Sees Faithful Service.

## **V. Faithfulness To Our Convictions Has Influence.**

- **Daniel 1:21.**
  - Daniel’s Influence Lasted For Decades.
  - One Faithful Person Can Make A Difference!
  - The World Needs Examples Of Steadfast Faith.

# “Helping The Faithless To Come To God”

Lesson Text: **Daniel 2:1-49.**

## I. The Faithless Need What The World Cannot Provide.

- **Daniel 2:10-11.** *“There is not a man on earth who can tell the king’s matter..”*
- Human Wisdom Has Limits, And The Wise Men Admitted This.
- Education Has Value, Science Has Value, & Experience Has Value.
- But None Of That Can Answer:
  - Why Am I Here? What’s My Purpose?
  - What Happens After Death?
  - How Can I Be Saved From My Sins?
- And That Is When God’s People Step In To Help.
  - **Genesis 1:26; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Job 14:14; Acts 16:30-33 (Mark 16:16).**

## II. God’s People Need To Go To God First.

- **Daniel 2:17-18.** Daniel Immediately Sought God’s Help
- He Did Not Depend On Babylonian Wisdom, But Depended Upon God.
- Daniel Enlisted Faithful Brethren.
  - Hananiah, Mishael, & Azariah- All Sought God’s Mercy Together.
- **Vs. 19-23.** God Answers Daniel In A Vision.
- When Facing Difficulties And We Need Answers:
  - Pray First, Seek God’s Wisdom First, & Depend Upon God’s Word First.
  - **James 1:5; Proverbs 3:5-7; Ephesians 5:15-17.**

## III. We Help The Faithless By Pointing Them To God.

- **Daniel 2:24-30.**
- **Vs. 28,** *“But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets...”*
- Daniel Did Not Take Credit For What God Did.
  - He Could Have Glorified Himself, But Instead Glorified God.
- He Redirected Attention To God; This Points People In The Right Direction!
  - Our Mission Is Not For People To Admire & Glorify Us— But The Lord! **Matt. 5:16.**

## IV. We Help The Faithless By Proclaiming God’s Kingdom.

- **Daniel 2:31-45.**
- Earthly Kingdoms Rise And Fall, But God’s Kingdom Endures Forever!
- Today, We Point People To That Kingdom- **Matthew 16:18; Acts 2; Col. 1:13.**

## V. Faithfulness Can Lead The Faithless To Faith.

- **Daniel 2:46-49.**
- Daniel Had A Great Influence On A Pagan King.
- God Used Daniel’s Courage & Faithfulness To Point Faith Where It Should Be.
- We Are To Do The Same Today!