

The Great Bailout

Week 3

Bailouts are common place in our society today. We talked last week about the importance of understanding what the bailouts are designed to accomplish. It seems these days they are only designed to get businesses through a few weeks or months until the economy gets its' legs back under it.

The Bible lists a few bailouts that had a much more profound impact on mankind than an amount of money will ever have.

Last week we talked about the first bailout that happened between God and mankind with The Passover lamb and Israel and their need for a bailout from their slavery and bondage. 2 weeks ago we talked about Abraham' s need for a bailout from generational bankruptcy.

This week we want to look at the greatest bailout that has ever happened. That is the bailout of mankind. God' s first bailout was provision for Abraham who believed in faith. His second bailout was for all of the nation of Israel which was part of the promise made to Abraham.

The third bailout was for all of humanity which completed the promise made to Abraham which said that through him all the nations would be blessed.

We catch up with Jesus on His final week before the crucifixion on this day " Palm Sunday":

Matthew 21: ¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. ³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ' The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

⁵ " *Tell the daughter of Zion,
' Behold, your King is coming to you,
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.'* "

⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

" **Hosanna** to the Son of David!

' *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*

Hosanna in the highest!"

Hosanna, which literally means save now or save us now. This is a phrase that links back to the feast of tabernacles which gave thanks to God for his provision in the wilderness as the children of Israel wandered for 40 years. Psalm 118:25 David writes these words – Hosanna – or save us now – we beseech or implore you **Oh God**.

As Jesus comes into Jerusalem the crowd is waving palm branches and shouting save us now!

The problem with bailouts is that we have to be sure of what it is that is being bailed out. Once again Israel was in bondage. Not slaves but not free. Rome was their ruler this time and the Jewish people were not happy.

As Jesus came in to Jerusalem a supernatural occurrence took place. People from all around came to cry out to Him and plead with Him for a bailout. In other words, Jesus take your rightful place as King and restore Israel as a nation blessed by God once again.

The problem was that that bailout money had already been spent. The nation of Israel had already been alleviated of its' bondage and had been given the opportunity to live free.

When they did not honor God they were once again subjected the bondage of their own doing because of sin.

This time the bailout was going to have to be different. God is a fulfiller of His promises.

We read in Matthew the 27th chapter ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*"^[k]

⁴⁷ Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

⁴⁹ The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴ So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

And so Jesus became the fulfillment of the third great bailout. The utter bankruptcy of mankind because of our sin. Jesus provided for us a way through His death a way that the promise, all of the nations of the world will be blessed, would be fulfilled.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,^[b] not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God – Romans 3 but God is faithful to forgive us our sin and cleanse us if we would but ask. All who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Today is your day of salvation.

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