

PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Some people prepare for Easter by giving up something for a period of time, like meat or chocolate or coffee or soda.

Nothing wrong with that, but God may be asking for something more.

When Jesus told two of his disciples to go get a donkey, they were obedient, even though it was uncertain how it might turn out.

Their obedience was part of a much bigger plan that they were completely unaware of.

To obey is better than sacrifice. (1 Samuel 15:22)

What is it that Jesus is telling you to do in order to obey?

Jesus wept bitterly on his way into Jerusalem, even while others were celebrating.

He wept, not because of what was going to happen to him, but because of what was going to happen to the people of Jerusalem because they did not recognize the time of their visitation.

We need to receive our comfort and understanding from the Lord, not from people.

When we receive comfort and understanding from the Lord, there may also be correction.

Jesus is in the business of cleansing the temple and we are the temple of God.

We are held to a high standard.

Give God permission to turn the table(s) over in your life.

When we confess our sin(s) to God, we must also repent.

Points:

1. Be ready to obey (not just willing to obey).
2. Be ready to find your understanding in the Lord.
3. Be ready to be cleansed.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Matthew 21:1-11

Luke 19:37-44

Psalm 119:76

Isaiah 49:13

Luke 19:45-48

1 Corinthians 3:16

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1 John 1:9

1 John 2:1