VICTORY BEFORE THE BATTLE

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Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-18

When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:7-9 (NIV)

What I can Learn From Jesus' Victorious Journey:

1. Commitment – I focus my life on God's purposes.

Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going..."

John 8:14 (NIV)

2. Humility – I Surrender to God's Will.

He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

Matthew 26:39 (NLT)

3. Confidence – I keep fighting, <u>knowing</u> that victory is mine.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. Romans 8:35-37 (NLT)

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (NLT)

But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in <u>Christ's triumphal procession</u>. **2 Corinthians 2:14a** (NLT)

I can endure the hardship of my "Passion Week" because of the victory that is mine through Jesus Christ.