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But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” Luke 13:12 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

We read in the Gospel of John, how Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. Standing at the cave where he had been entombed, Jesus called in a loud voice “Lazarus, come out!” ‘And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”’ John 11:44 (New King James Version).

Just as Jesus called Lazarus from his grave, so He is calling us. Not simply to come out of our graves, but to burst forth with boldness, confidence and a sound mind. Loosed from the grave clothes that had us bound, we will do exploits for the kingdom of God, regardless of whether it was fear, anxiety, depression, lack, sickness or anything else that held us in bondage.



On recording Jesus’ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, the Gospel of Matthew tells us that on arriving at Bethphage, Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead 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. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” Matthew 21:2-3 (New King James Version).

There was a divine purpose and plan for that particular colt. As had been prophesied by the prophet Zechariah, Jesus was to ride into Jerusalem on it: **‘Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’** Zechariah 9:9 (English Standard Version).

Jesus forewarned the two disciples that they would be questioned regarding loosing the colt. **‘And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?”’** Luke 19:33 (New Living Translation).

Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem attracted a crowd. **‘Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it.’** John 12:17 (New Living Translation). **‘So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in Him.’** John 12:10-11 (New International Version).

The enemy of our soul knows how Jesus used the colt after it was loosed and is therefore desperate for us to remain bound. When he sees us making inroads to grow in our faith and relationship with Christ, he will question why we wish to be loosed and advise against it. He knows that when we are loosed and set free from the restrictions of our grave clothes, God will use what He has placed in our hands to throw the kingdom of darkness into a state of confusion!



Child of God, let’s heed the voice of Jesus as He calls us out of our grave, so we can be loosed and set free. Just like that colt, the King of kings has a plan and a purpose for us today.