



Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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THE NEW COVENANT LENS

Passage: John 12:12-16; Matt. 21:4-9; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 19:35-38

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem → The Feast of Tabernacles → The Passover

The crowds were expecting Christ to establish David's kingdom. John wrote his Gospel approximately AD 80 or 90, some 40 years after the fact.

Text: [John 12:14-16](#) Note also → [John 16:12-13](#)

Adam Clarke: *"After the ascension of Christ, the disciples saw the meaning of many prophecies which referred to Christ, and applied them to him, which they had not fully comprehended before. Indeed it is only in the light of the new covenant, that the old is to be fully understood."*



The promises and the prophecies regarding Christ and the eternal Kingdom cannot be understood apart from the revelation of the New Testament.

Romans 15:8 (ESV), *"For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs."* (cf: [2 Corinthians 1:20](#)).

Apart from the New Testament we would not know that

“And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:25–27, ESV)

So What?

Notice how Paul applies this truth in [2 Corinthians 1:17–22](#)

The same God who conceived and consummated the promises to Israel has also sealed us, who believe. The sealing of the Holy Spirit “has a threefold significance in the New Testament: (1) to indicate ownership, (2) to indicate genuineness; and (3) to preserve and keep safe.”¹

[Joshua 21:45](#)

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¹ Hindson, E. E., & Kroll, W. M. (Eds.). (1994). [KJV Bible Commentary](#) (p. 2338). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.