



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 18
Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

Agape love pursues us.

God loves and chooses us even though we've given Him reasons not to.

Psalm 139:1-6

- 1 You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.*
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.*
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.*
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.*
- 5 You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.*
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.*

Paraphrased prayer:

Lord, You know how I think, what I think, and why I think. You know what I'm going to think before I even think it. You know what I'm going to say before I say it. You know my emotions, my memories, and my personality. You know my preferences and characteristics. You know my hurts, my brokenness, my insecurities and weaknesses. You know my fears and worries.

You know all about me - more than I know myself. You know my bad and good. You know what I will do before I do it. Yet with all this, You haven't changed Your mind about me one bit. Your love is the most resilient love of all.

With everything You know about me, You still choose to stay with me. At the same time, You go before me to protect me from what is coming, and You stay behind me to heal me from what happened in the past.

All this is too wonderful to understand. The fact that You know me so well, yet love me so completely, brings me strength and a sense of wonder. Why would I worry about anything?



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Psalm 139:7-10

*7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
10 even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.*

Paraphrased prayer:

Lord, there are times when I really feel lost. But I am never lost to You. You see me. There are times when I want to shut down and hide. But no matter where I go You are there with me. I can never lose You.

You see me at my highest, You see me at my lowest. When I am making my bed in hell, You are willing to go there too.

From my time as a young believer to the time when I am old and gray, You are there, and Your strength will keep me going.

Matthew 21:1-9

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

*5 "Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"*

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"



Jesus came to the people.

Love pursued us!

Jesus came in humility.

Zechariah 9:9

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Jesus didn't come for a people that would cower before Him.

Jesus came to identify with us so we would find our identity in Him.

