

“Blessed be the name of the Lord!”

Welcome, and may our hearts be open as we reflect on the Scriptures and consider a vital question:

Do you truly value the Lord?

God’s Word is not only instruction it is illumination:

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
(Psalm 119:105, ESV)

It directs our journey, not just for life on earth, but for the eternal road to heaven. But to walk in His light, we must first open our hearts to Him. This message invites us to evaluate whether we’ve truly made space real, practical, spiritual space for the Lord in our lives.

God Uses Prepared People

A foundational truth in Scripture is that God does not use people randomly He uses the prepared. He looks for availability before ability.

Over and over in Scripture, the Lord chooses to work through those whose hearts are willing and yielded. Our refusal to be generous with what we have our time, energy, resources, homes often hinders what God desires to do through us and in us.

Let's explore three biblical examples where the Lord chose people, not based on social status, but on the readiness of their hearts.

1. The Man Who Prepared a Room for Jesus

Mark 14:12-16 (ESV)

“And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, ‘Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?’

And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, “The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.’”

This man is unnamed in Scripture. Yet he plays a vital role in the most sacred meal in history the Last Supper. What do we know about him?

He had a home in Jerusalem with an upper room, which implies some measure of wealth or social standing (upper rooms were rare).

He was likely a disciple or silent follower of Jesus, as he instantly responds to the Lord's request.

Most importantly, he had prepared the space before he was even asked.

Notice what Jesus says: "Where is *my* guest room?" (Mark 14:14, ESV). The Lord refers to the room as His own because when you dedicate something to God, it becomes His.

This man didn't wait for a divine encounter to get ready he was already prepared. And because of his foresight and reverence, his house became the sacred site of the Lord's final meal with His disciples, the institution of the New Covenant (Luke 22:19-20), and the setting for some of Jesus' final teachings.

2. The Donkey for the Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1-7 (ESV)

“And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.”

Why did Jesus choose that donkey?

According to Zechariah 9:9, the Messiah was to enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey, not a warhorse symbolizing peace, not conquest.

“Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey...”
(Zechariah 9:9, ESV)

There were likely many donkeys in Bethphage and Bethany, but Jesus

chose this one. Why?

Because the owners were willing. The disciples didn't explain much just, "The Lord needs it." And the owners didn't argue or hesitate. Their response demonstrated faith, humility, and a readiness to serve, even in a small way.

Their seemingly ordinary donkey became part of an eternal moment Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem.

3. God Sends Elijah to a Gentile Widow

Luke 4:25-26 (ESV)

"But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah... and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow."

In 1 Kings 17, God sends Elijah not to a wealthy household in Israel but to a Gentile widow in a foreign land, who was gathering sticks to cook

her last meal. Despite her poverty, she gave first to the prophet, and God multiplied her resources supernaturally (1 Kings 17:13-16).

Her faith and generosity in a moment of desperation made her household a place of miraculous provision.

What's the Common Thread?

In each story:

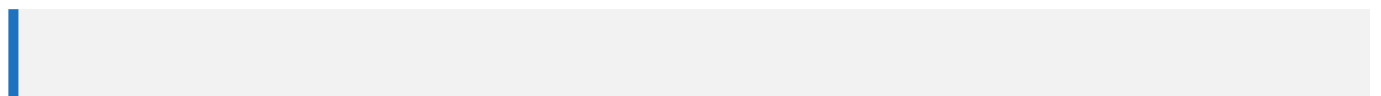
The people were not prominent or publicly recognized.

But they were ready with their hearts, homes, and resources.

because of that, their seemingly small acts were woven into God's redemptive story.

God Is Still Searching Hearts Today

The Lord is still looking:



“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.”

(2 Chronicles 16:9a, ESV)

He’s not impressed by how much you have. But He is moved by how available you are. He’s looking for homes where He’s welcome, resources surrendered for His use, and hearts that say: “Lord, all I have is Yours.”

The Day of Judgment: Did You Make Room for Him?

In Matthew 25:31–46 (ESV), Jesus describes the final judgment. The righteous are invited into the kingdom not because of spectacular deeds, but because of simple acts of love feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming strangers.

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

(v. 40)

The unrighteous, by contrast, are condemned not for what they did but for what they failed to do. They saw need, but ignored it. They had room, but never made it available.

Do You Value the Lord?

If you are unwilling to surrender your “upper room” or your “donkey,” you cannot expect the presence and blessing of the Lord to rest on your life. God doesn’t dwell in unprepared places.

But if your heart says:

“Lord, I’ve prepared a space for You,”

“Lord, whatever I have is Yours,”

Lord, I value Your presence more than my possessions”

Then you’ve done something extraordinary in heaven’s eyes.

Final Encouragement

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”
(James 4:8a, ESV)

God isn't asking for perfection He's looking for preparation. He's not requiring riches just a ready heart.

Be blessed!

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