The Second Triumphal Gathering

This entry into Jerusalem should not only remind us of <u>what was</u>... it should also point us to <u>what shall be</u>.

Revelation 7: 9-17

The second triumphal gathering will be far superior to the first.

I. WE WILL UNDERSTAND THE GREATNESS OF GOD AND OF HIS GRACE TOWARD US.

When we see God in His holiness we will realize our true nature.

When we see the real greatness of His character we will understand the depth of our need.

Isaiah 6:1-8 Consider Isaiah!

When we understand the depth of our need . . .

we will appreciate His mercy and grace in a way we have not appreciated it before.

II. WE WILL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF OUR STRUGGLES

Everywhere we turn, there are people going through very difficult times.

2 Timothy 4:7, 8

III. WE WILL BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE A LIFE WE NEVER DARED TO IMAGINE

Revelation 7: 15b-17 Revelation 21:3, 4

Conclusions:

1. Will you be in the crowd that day?

Will you be among those who have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb?

Only those who really TRUST Jesus will be present.

Will you be present that day?

NOT SURE?

Stop everything right now and surrender to the Master.

2. Where is your focus for living?

Are you anchored to the present, or the future?

If everything you had was lost,

would you feel that you had nothing, or

would you still feel that you had everything you needed in Christ?

When we think about what is in store for everyone who believes.

When we think about standing in that crowd, praising our gracious Lord.

When we think about that day when the Shepherd will lead us-

We too will find ourselves lifting the Palm Branches to sing Hosanna.

And periodically we will find ourselves swept up in the wonder of anticipationsaying,

"FATHER, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TOMORROW"!