

Matthew 21:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

Analysis

The disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them—Simple obedience (ὑπήκουσαν, hypēkousan) without recorded hesitation. Jesus had given unusual instructions (take a colt you don't own, tell the owner 'the Lord needs it'), yet the disciples trusted His authority.

This verse models discipleship: immediate compliance with Christ's directives even when the reasoning isn't apparent. Their obedience became instrumental in fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy and revealing Jesus's sovereign knowledge (He knew the colt would be there and the owner would consent).

Historical Context

Bethphage was a small village on the Mount of Olives' eastern slope, less than a mile from Jerusalem. The 'certain village' (v.2) was likely within the Sabbath day's journey, showing Jesus's meticulous planning for this prophetic moment.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. When has God asked you to obey instructions that seemed unusual or unclear at the time?
2. How does the disciples' immediate obedience challenge your own response to clear biblical commands?

Interlinear Text

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