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Matthew 20: 17-19 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them,

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"See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death,

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and deliver Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and He will be raised up on the third day."

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Words

# ...give your attention to what I am saying because

it is true

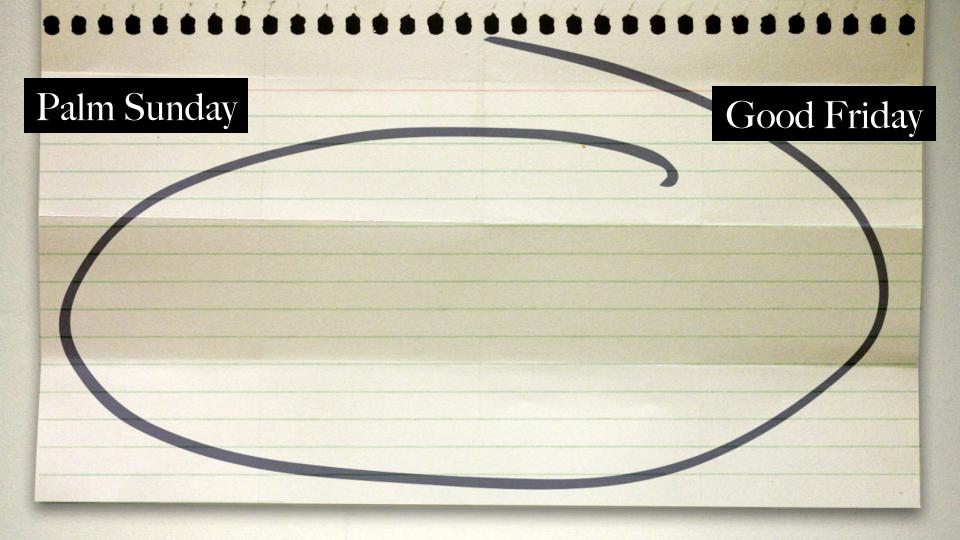
and it is important...



<u>Q:</u>

...do we

have ears to hear it?...



#### Palm Sunday

#### Good Friday

5 profound parables that reveal, conceal, confuse, and encourage the people concerning the kingdom of God

### Parable

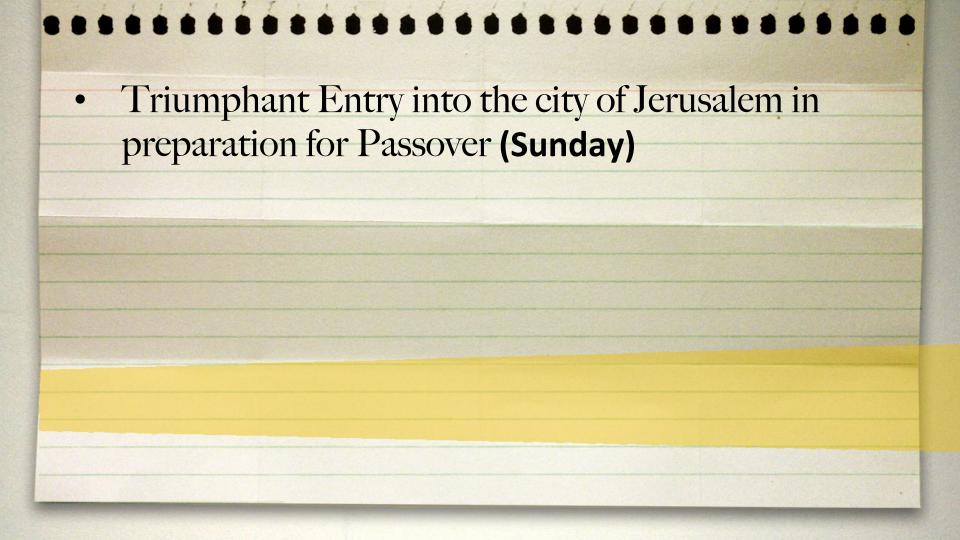
a tool of speech, a type of story, utilized by Jesus at various points in His ministry that is intended to reveal <u>a singular truth</u>.

"The major theme in Jesus parables is the demand of following Him in authentic discipleship."

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### The Parable of the Two Sons

Matthew 21: 28-32



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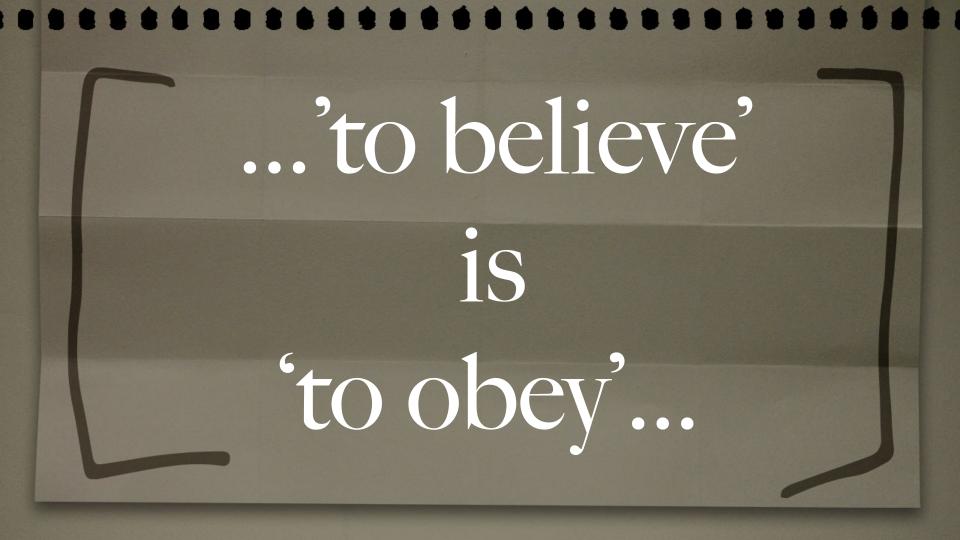
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The bottom line in the Christian life is obedience and most people don't even like the word.

Charles Stanley

6 6 One act of <u>obedience</u> is better than one hundred sermons.

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer

[To have Faith in Christ] means, of course, trying to do all that He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him. But trying in a new way, a less worried Way. (continued)

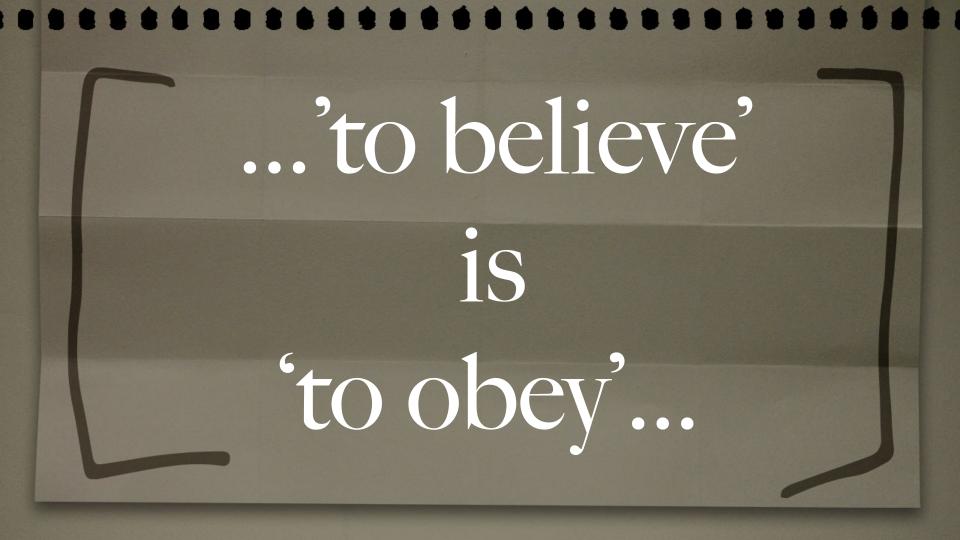
Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you."

C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

To those of you who think that your religious sophistication might satisfy the requirements of Godyou need to understand that true discipleship involves entrusting yourself to God in a manner that ties your belief to your obedience, your faith to your actions, your spiritual arrogance to your need for repentance, and your brokenness to His redemptive holiness.

Our obedience is not a burden but a substantive response to the call that God has on our lives and His desire to make us whole.

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The tax collector and the prostitute understood that obedience to the transforming grace of God was not an act of slavery but one of true freedom.

The 'religious elite' of Jesus day thought that obedience to God's righteousness was optional in the midst of their own self-righteousness.

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# So... Therefore... 2 questions....

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# Where in our lives is God calling us to follow Him by obeying?

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Will you remain satisfied with the slavery you experience in your own religious arrogance or will you be captivated by the beauty of finding freedom in obedience to the redemptive work of Christ in your life?

