

March 27th

*"The Lord thy God... will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His Love"
Zeph 3:17.*

Now we read of the next or sixth visit of the Lord Jesus to Bethany in Mark 11:19. Having cast out the people from the temple vs. 15-17, our Lord is returning from the city (v.19). It had been a very hard task for the Lord Jesus Christ. He had shown love and compassion to all the people, but because they did not accept it, they had to be judged. He had thrown down the tables and had turned the people out with a scourge. He was feeling very sad, and turned back to Bethany where He found real rest and satisfaction. In Jerusalem there had been nothing but sorrow, grief and pain, but in Bethany He knew that there was a small group who would give Him real rest and satisfaction.

The Lord Jesus Christ never regarded Jerusalem as His home, but Bethany, where He could share His burden and sorrow; a place where he could be comforted and strengthened. What a mystery! The Lord Jesus our creator was seeking comfort from His people. He was showing how He was longing to be comforted. In Bethany he had no sorrow because of the warm welcome given to Him by those few who loved Him. In Bethany He found real rest and peace and comfort, and those who were longing to listen to Him.

Today's calendar's Bible verse:

Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting. Joel 2:12.