## FOUR ACTIONS EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS SHOULD BE DOING ALL THE TIME

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

The Apostle Paul finishes his letter to the Thessalonians with some final instructions aimed at aiding them to experience the peace of God during their time of persecution.

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5.15-18

Four actions every follower of Jesus should be doing all the time:

1. Striving to be LIKE JESUS

2. Living with a **SPIRIT** of **JOY** 

3. **TALKING** with **GOD** 

4. THANKING GOD

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Jesus' Palm Sunday challenge to all of us today:

- that we would *know* what truly brings peace.
- that we would *recognize* that a life devoted to Jesus is where true living can be found.

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?