

THE PSALMS OF ASCENT

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS
TO JERUSALEM

Part 13

"Psalm 132 & The Triumphal Entry"

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Main Point: Our lives can be characterized by true _____ and _____ because of God's presence with us and His promises to us.

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