

FEAR NOT: PALM SUNDAY 2020

Matthew 21.1-11 // April 5, 2020

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Matthew 21.1-11 // John 12.15 // Luke 5.10, 11 // Matthew 14.27

The Jews had been awaiting their King. They wanted a conquering General who could lead them to victory over their oppressors, Rome. In the meantime, Jesus had spent three years showing mercy to sinners, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Many believed, but some just wanted His miracles. But Jesus rode in on a donkey, a symbol of a King bringing peace. But Israel wanted a King on a war horse.

A KING TOO SMALL

We have the fears we have because quite frankly, our God is too small. Not that He is *actually* too small, but that we think He is.

**Fear says, "what if."
Faith says, "even if."**

When we know the character and nature of our King, we are able to trust in Him, *even if* things don't go how we would like. We are able to pick up our cross and follow. We are able to live the life of faith that God calls us to live, to walk in the good deeds that He has prepared for us ahead of time. We are able to have the strength to get us through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. We are able to face each day with brand new mercy. We are able to forgive others. We are able to withstand peer pressure and the desire to fit in. We are able to overcome the darkest and lowest parts of life, *not* because He brings us away from them, but because He walks with us THROUGH THEM.

THE MISSION OF GOD

**From the beginning, God had a mission set in His heart,
and He has created a church to accomplish that mission.**

Later in the week, Jesus would return to the Mt. of Olives in order to prepare Himself to be betrayed and arrested. The next day, He would be crucified and killed. But He didn't stay in the grave, and after raising from the dead, He spent time with those faithful followers who worshiped this Prince of Peace, and in His final moments on the physical earth, He gave them the Great Commission, and from the Mt. of Olives, He ascended to heaven.

Revelation 22.1-7

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Isaiah 53:11

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Matthew 21.1-11** and **John 12.15**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (and OTHERS!)

Read **Revelation 22.1-7**. When you read this, how does this picture of the "end game" give you great hope that the Prince of Peace is totally trustworthy while we await His Kingdom to come in totality?

Repent and Ask for Provision

It is easy to desire the things of God and His many blessings, and only casually think about actually desiring God Himself. When we think of the Jews in Jesus' day, many just wanted the miracles. Is there an area of your life where you are wanting God to be the Conquering King *now*, and wish He would do different? What might you ask of Him to help you trust in Him as your Prince of Peace for today's troubles?

Your Life Mission

Write down some of the ways you reached out to others this past week. Check in on each other on their "quarantine plan" for engaging and encouraging others.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.

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