

SATISFACTION FOR THE TROUBLED SOUL

John 12:20-43 // March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Around 2 million people were in town for Passover week. Some believe in Jesus, some don't. Even some of the Jewish authorities do. And Jesus here speaks plainly of the purpose of His arrival: He was born so that He would die.

**Christianity is the only religion in which its
central tenant of faith is the humiliation of its own God.**

-Bruce Shelley

His "hour" has come. And this hour is that of not only His death, but also of His glorification. In fact, it is even through His death that God would be glorified.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

But Jesus doesn't stop here. As He tells the crowd the manner in which He will die, He also lets them know that if they want to follow Him, they also must lay down their life. The crucifixion of Christ is not just about His death, but it is also about our death. It is about our crucifixion and dying to self.

**Just as Christ's dying brought forth life and fruit in our lives,
so also our dying to self will bring forth life and fruit
in the lives of others.**

Mark 8:34-37

GOD'S WILL IS OUR FOOD

What sustained Jesus and what caused Him to say, "not My will be done, but Your will be done," was not the comforts and pleasures of this temporary, earthly life. What satisfied His soul, and what filled Him and sustained Him as food does for the body was doing the will of Him who had sent Him.

**Jesus was sent to save.
We were saved to be sent.
Jesus was born that He would die.
We were born again that we would die to self.**

John 4:34 // Ephesians 2:10 // Galatians 2:20 // 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

**He is no fool who gives up we can't keep
to gain what he can't lose.**

-Jim Elliot

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Mark 15:21

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

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 **John 12.20-43**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What particular hardship is troubling your soul that you need prayer for? What Gospel truths and promises do you need to be reminded of and believe in order to help you press on and forward?

Your Life Mission

You have been saved to be sent, and you are to be sent with the aroma of Christ. As you spend time at the feet of Jesus in prayer and worship, ask Him for help to be the bearer of that aroma. Which relationships would you like prayer for as you go and hope to be the aroma of life to?

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.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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