

PALM SUNDAY: THE KING IS HERE!

March 24, 2013

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

The "Triumphal Entry" occurs in all four Gospels:

Matthew 12.1-11 // Mark 11.1-11 // Luke 19.28-44 // John 12.12-19

Hosanna: This is a Greek word that comes from the Hebrew word "hoshiya na," which means "save now," "oh, save," or simply "salvation." Over time its meaning has evolved from a cry for future help, to a shout of confidence knowing that we have been/will be rescued.

Psalms 118.25

Donkey: A king who rode a donkey came to declare peace; a king who rode in on a horse came to declare war.

Ephesians 2.14-22

Palm Branches: These were a symbol of victory for Israel.

FALSE EXPECTATIONS

But something happened...the triumphal cries of victory turned the opposite direction in less than a week's time. Even Peter himself had denied His Messiah.

Matthew 27.22, 23

**The Kingdom of God is both "Already Here"
as well as "Not Yet Here."**

John 12.16

HIS KINGDOM COME

Jesus is the reigning King now, and yet we await for His Kingdom to permanently consummate all things.

2 Corinthians 2.16-3.3 // Colossians 2.13-15

**We are the aroma of the victory of Christ,
but to those who are perishing we are the stench of death.**

Acts 2.32-35 // 1 Corinthians 15.24-26, 54-57 // Ephesians 1.20-23
Colossians 3.1 // 2 Corinthians 4.16-18 // Revelation 7.9-17, 19.11-16

NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

Good Friday Service

We are excited to have a location and time for our first **Good Friday Service!** We will meet at **7.00pm** at **Mission Hills Church** in San Marcos in their **High School** room. Childcare will be provided.

Easter MORNING Service

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 31st at 10am** to be in **Downtown Escondido** at the **Maple Street Plaza** for our **Easter Service!** This is going to be a blast! A family-style service outside and in the community. Can't WAIT for this day!

IN CASE OF RAIN...

The forecast is calling for rain. Please pray for good weather, and please check online on **Saturday Night** for any updates. We will email and update both the **webpage**, **Facebook**, and **Twitter** to get you the right information in time.

SPECIAL EASTER KIDS' CURRICULUM

For the next two weeks our **Kids on Mission** will be taking a break from the normal curriculum, and instead will be focusing on Holy Week and the Easter Story. During that time, we have a **SPECIAL** set of Family Devotions for you! Go to this page at **tinyurl.com/c4h4ass** to download this week's 5 daily devotions for your family!



WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

- **JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP!**

If you want to get connected to a group of people near your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the **Connection Card** or visiting the **Connection Booth** in the Atrium.

- **JOIN THE TEAM!**

We would love to have you come serve our church family with us. Let us know on our **Connection Card** that you want to help.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

First of all, let's do a little "Theology 101." The word "eschatology" means the "study of the end times." When speaking of "general eschatology," we look at how the end times unfold for the whole world. But when we speak of "personal eschatology," we look at what happens over the course of an individual's life. So what is your "personal eschatology"? If you are a believer, here is a basic map:

Physical Birth, but Dead in Sin >> Made Spiritually Alive by God's Sovereign Grace
Opening Your Eyes >> Believe in Faith and Become Justified/Forgiven >> Struggling
in Sin While Being Sanctified >> Physical Death >> Glorification in Heaven and
Made Brand New >> Eternally Imperishable

With that in mind, read **Romans 7.15-8.2**. What does this tell you about your "personal eschatology?" _____

Now read **Romans 8.28-39**. What does this add to your personal eschatology, as far as what you can look forward to, both in this life as well as beyond? _____

Often times in life, the list of things in **Romans 8.35** come upon us. Like the Jews on Palm Sunday, sometimes we expect that Christ has entered into our life to abolish all of those things. But by reading **Romans 7.15-8.39**, we see that we will still face these trials in this part of our personal eschatology. Read **2 Corinthians 2.14-3.3**. How does enduring through the difficulties actually make this passage in **2 Corinthians** even more powerful and sweet? _____

When you think of yourself as a "censer" or "vessel" that exudes the aroma of Christ, how does that affect the way you look at your daily life and purpose? _____

2 Corinthians 3.2, 3 depicts us as living epistles. How, specifically have you been a "living epistle," telling the story of Christ's victory and redemption of mankind? _____

Verse 2 says that our story (as the "letter") is to be "read by all." In what ways are you as a letter letting your story be told in and through your life? _____

Read **Matthew 5.13-16**. Jesus here tells the people to not hide their light. What are some reasons why you might hide your light? _____

Remember that in **2 Corinthians 2.14-16** we know that our "story" and "aroma" will be hated by many, so we shouldn't let that stop us or quiet us. Read **Luke 6.22, 23** and **John 15.18-21**. How does this give you comfort?