

PALM SUNDAY

Psalms 118:19-29

SALVATION IS NEAR

For about three years, Jesus was ministering on the earth. In this final week of His earthly life, He is entering into Jerusalem. Psalm 118 is one of the “Hallel Psalms (113-118) that were sung particularly during Passover. This one was sung when Jesus was entering into Jerusalem as they waved palm branches.

Luke 19:29-35 // Matthew 21:8, 9 // Zechariah 9:9

**Christ came to put on full and graphic display the glory of
God’s goodness and holiness
by becoming the sacrifice needed to save sinners.**

Psalms 23:3, 79:9, 106:8 // Jeremiah 14:7 // 1 John 2:12

God’s glory is at the center of this plan, not us. We are the beneficiaries, but we are not the center. Christ came because God is good, and the best way to put God’s goodness and holiness and love and beauty was *not* a display of military force, destroying the earth, or swift and immediate judgement, but rather by sacrificing Himself and stand in the place of His own enemies while receiving the righteous judgement of God.

**Christianity is the only major religion where the central event is
the humiliation of its own God.**

– Bruce Shelley

THE PSALMS BRING US TO JESUS

The Psalms ultimately don’t simply lead us and teach us how to pray, but they show us who God is and show us how (and why) we can go to Him. He is a personal God who is not distant, but came near.

Psalms 67 // 1 Peter 2:4-10

Jesus came to us that we may be blessed with forgiveness, grace, mercy and love. But He did this so that we might glorify the Father. Though we reject Him in our sin, He made a way for us and became the Cornerstone for us to be built on.

SENT TO SAVE, SAVE TO BE SENT

Jesus blesses us and then gives us the command to “go and tell,” “proclaim,” “make disciples,” be “ministers of reconciliation” and “ambassadors for Christ.”

**We are Plan A. There is no Plan B.
The church, through the power of the Gospel,
Is the only hope of the world.**

NOTES:

This Week’s Joy Project Scripture to Memorize:

John 10:29

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along in our Daily Prayer Journal by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **Weekly Memory Verse** and our **Morning and Evening Psalm Reading**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some snacks or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. **Serving is one of the best ways we experience community** within our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You’ll build friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group on a Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, **Text any amount you’d like to give to 760-621-7323**, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give**, or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall**. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Psalm 118:19-29** what stuck out to you from these set of verses or from the message Sunday? _____

Take a look at **Isaiah 28:16** and **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**. What is Christ to the believer and what is Christ to the non-believers? _____

The Jews though Jesus was coming to establish a physical kingdom and missed the point that He came to establish a spiritual kingdom. When is a time in your life that you thought God would save you from a certain situation or fix a certain problem, and He didn't? What did that do to your faith? _____

Read **1 Corinthians 3:11-13**. God's promises will always remain and the foundation with which was built by the cross of Christ will never be moved, but how we live our lives will be tested. Read **1 Peter 1:6-9**. The things of this world will be destroyed and are ever fading, but that which remains is a faith built on Christ. Does this give you hope? How should this change the way we live our lives and serve one another? _____

Now think of times when God has saved you from circumstances, spared you, brought you through a problem, or even simply shows you mercy and grace by giving you many "small" gifts like your job, family, and friends. How did that affect your faith? Did you just receive them and more or less take it for granted, maybe with a quick, "thanks, God!" and skip away, or did it actually change the way you pursue God in the way that you use it for His glory? _____

Read **Psalm 67**. What is the reason God blesses us in His many ways? How are you using those blessings for His glory? _____

Look at **Psalm 118:28-29** again. Because our hope can never be shaken or moved, this should cause our hearts to sing. But we live in a fallen world and it is hard to remember or we get distracted. How do you forget? What distracts you from the glorious Truth that cannot be move? Spend some time encouraging one another towards the Gospel.



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Life Mission Church Meets at Classical Academy High School
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