

Calvary Chapel Chino Hills

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE '96

TEXT

LUKE 19:28-44

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- Charles Dickens wrote in his novel "The Tale of Two Cities" That "*It was the Best of Times, It was the Worst of Times*"
- Around this auditorium and around the world simultaneously, there are those who are experiencing the "*The Best of Times and There are those experiencing The Worst of Times*" - Life is Like That !!!

It was a Very Exciting Time in Jerusalem.

The city is tripling in population as Jewish pilgrims are coming from many nations to celebrate the Passover Sacrifice.

- The Streets were Lined with Colorful Banners and Music could be heard everywhere
- The anticipation was high as the people would be excited about having their sins covered over, removed by the blood of the sacrificial lamb..... *They would take a young, spotless lamb (pet)*

**256,000 LAMBS WERE SACRIFICED
ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

So Important was this Sacrifice that - it was responsible for a new beginning in for the Jew of Judaism, and it was celebrated with a passion... *The New Year Began - Sin-Free.*

*This Day in History became known as
"Palm Sunday"*

Palms

because of the Ancient Worlds Custom of *Greeting a Victor*

Sunday

because it was the day after Saturday - *Because it was The Day
Ordained by God in Eternity - The World Should Flock to This!*

1.) Jesus is Always in Control

vv. 28-34

Jesus is in Absolute Control of All Things - Absolute Authority

Rom. 9:5

*"and from the patriarchs is traced the
human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all."*

Jesus say's "Go" and the scene is comes together

Verse 28-31

Luke 9:51

**As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus
resolutely set out for Jerusalem.**

**WHEN JESUS DOES SOMETHING
- HE DOES SOMETHING**

A Briefing had been Given Earlier;

Matt. 20:18-19
Jesus says to the guys.
(18) "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death
(19) and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and beaten and crucified. But On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Verse 32-34

It Happened as Him Said...
It's Happening as He Said Today...

2.) They were fulfilling Prophecy vv. 35-40

Verse 35

"THEY" - HOW MANY? WE DON'T KNOW (10-20)

Verse 36

"THEY" - HOW MANY? WE DON'T KNOW (50-100)

It's costly Worship (Cant Deny That)

It was their cloths, garments to warm them
(they couldn't run down to K-Mart to replace them)

Verse 37

THE WHOLE MULTITUDE OF THE DISCIPLES (1000'S)

They began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen.

*What ever their Thinking and Feeling it
was, It was very sincere*

Matt 21:5

*"Tell the daughters of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you,
meek (having all power, under restraint) and sitting on a donkey, a
colt, the foal of a donkey."*

AND THEY HAD SEEN ALLOT - BROTHER !!!

*3 Years earlier John the Baptist
after being imprisoned began to doubt if Jesus was the One.....
.... asked the question*

Matt 11:2

*Having heard about the works of Christ, he sent two of his
disciples :3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for
another?"*

**(Then why am I still in prison if you're the
political deliverer)**

Go Tell John What You See.....

The Crowd, The Disciples, Even The Rocks & Stones
Were in a Celebration Mood...

(Peter's Probably Banging two trash can kids together)

**... AND THEY'RE ALL SHOUTING.....
WHAT ARE THEY SHOUTING?**

Psalm 118:26

Verse 38

The Choir;

Those in front:

Hosanna to the son of David!

Those in the rear:

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Those in front:

Hosanna in the Highest!

Verse 39

Rebuke Them!!!

Muzzle Your Followers because...

When Kings went to war,
They Attacked, Riding upon White Stallions.

But When a King entered a land in Peace,
He would be riding upon a Donkey (signifying their posture of peace)

The Bible Was Being Lived Out to the Moment

Zech 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you; he is just and having salvation, lowly
and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Jesus not only accepted their worship,
He defended it

I think Satan still does that Today to Us

"Jesus Muzzle Your Followers"

Every time I worship, Every Time I Praise the Name of God,
Satan gets Sick to His stomach and His Ego wrenches in Pain

Satan never has a good day - never!

(Around the world **day** by day, **hour** by hour, **minute** by minute,
somewhere in the world worship and praise is going on)

Satan wants to vomit every hour, on the hour !
(no wonder why he's always in his red pajama's
- He's sick all the time)

Verse 40

THE ROCKS

I know a couple who was actually there when this happened.
I have couple eyewitness here to testify to the verse

3.) They Were to Know the Day

vv. 41-44

Verse 41

....:41 Now as He drew near, (knowing what was ahead - rejection) and
when He saw the city (the focal point of the Prophets and His people)
He **wept** over it.

In the Midst of All this celebration there's the very "Birthday Boy"
so to speak beginning to cry...

It's Bad enough when someone crashes a party - but what do
you do when it's the one for whom the party is in their honor?



Wept

GRK 2799 klaio (klah'-yo)

to sob as to heave the shoulders & chest. To wail
aloud in tearful agony

Verse 42

*I don't see anyone asking Jesus -
"Why are you crying?"*

"Why are you Crying" is a question we will ask someone
- Why are you crying ?

JESUS HAD AN ETERNAL REASON TO CRY

Maybe for us something similar would be to have planned all your life to have your children inherit all the benefits of years of labor and love and sacrifice - only to have them reject the offer and reject you along with it!

The Pain of Rejection

(But Jesus would say to them - "do not weep for me...")

But What Happens When an entire Nation
Rejects Him ?

not only young men & women, but the Fathers & Mothers
& Husbands & wives

He Is Weeping Still

**JESUS IGNORED IS JESUS
REJECTED**

BUT JESUS, - I WAS A GOOD PERSON...

BUT DID YOU RECOGNIZE HIM ?

Joan Osborne Sings her Song
"What if God Was one Us"

"Came to earth like one us, like a stranger on the bus.... What if he came... then you'd have to believe in the angels, and in Jesus and all the prophets"

The Very Crowd that Openly Received Him on Palm Sunday
will Reject Him Terrible by GOoD Friday

The Week Ahead of Us will demand from Us
a Look into the Face of Jesus
as We Head Towards Friday

Luke 23:1
Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "It is as you say." **So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."** But they were the more fierce. Why?

The Program Didn't Turn Out the way
they had expected it to

THEY WILL TURN ON HIM

(Even Peter-Even You & I)

Luke 22:31

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has **asked** for you, that he may **sift** you as wheat.... "But **I have prayed for you**... that your faith should not fail,.. and when you have **returned to Me**, strengthen your brethren,".... But he said to Him, "Lord, (am sure) I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death (to put my foot in my mouth and to cut of ears)" Then Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

Painting a Portrait of Christ

(Jesus Must Have Four Faces)

The Shiny Face of Jesus (painted, a transfigured prototype):

Just From living in His prescience

- He shines forever • Angels shine around Him • Moses Shone from hanging with God • Eligah was shinning just being near Him...

**PAINT A PICTURE OF JESUS LIKE THAT WE'LL YA' ?
- NO WAY !!!**

Daniel 12:3

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

*This is The "Jesus Face" I see
Just being with the People*

{a face as a lamb}

The Suffering Face of Jesus (painted, as the sacrifice)

Isaiah 52:14

Just as there were many who were appalled at the sight of him-- his appearance being so disfigured beyond that of any man and his bodily shape twisted beyond that which is of human resemblance

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by all men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. And we hid as it were our faces from His"

Isaiah 52:15

He sprinkle the nations with His blood, and their kings will cover their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see,

{a face as a lamb as it had been slaughtered}

The Solemn Face of Jesus Judgment (painted as Judge)

{The lamb from who's face, the sun, moon and stars fled}

Rev 6:16

and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

The Serene Face of Jesus (painted as

Rev 22:3-4a

And there shall be no more curse in heaven, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. - :4 And they shall see his face;

{The face of the lamb}

Verse 44

From Matthew's View,

He wrote that they were not Willing to Come to Him...

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,

but-you-were-not-willing!

(Matt 23:37 NKJ)

but-you-were-not-willing!

The saddest arrangement of those five words

their answer to all of life's problems had arrived

*You always want your children to
make the right decision don't you*

Every time the gospel News reaches another set of ears and a heart
and their is a decision made to accept Jesus - Song breaks forth !!!

THE CALL

LAST THURSDAY NIGHT 98/11/9 !

**"GOOD MORNING JERUSALEM"
with Charles Gideon and Joan Londonvich**

April 6, 32 AD.

"The Outlook for Jerusalem today and all of central Israel,
partly cloudy skies giving way to after sun with light winds
out of the west.... highs in the lower 70's with lows in the
mid 50's

And This day in History

543 years ago Daniel the Prophet said that Israel's Messiah,
the Savior of the world would enter Jerusalem only to be
rejected and crucified on Friday (imagine that)...

"You Make it a Kosher Day"

**On March 14, 445 bc. King Artaxerxes Longimanus
gave the command to Nehemiah (Neh 2:5)**

to restore and to build Jerusalem

**From that day (March 14, 445) 173,880 days later
you arrive at this day April 6th. 32 ad.**

So Jesus Weeps

Why - Why was Jesus so Out of Form Here?

Luke 19:42

*"If you had known, even you, especially in **this your day**, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. (NKJ)*

It was "Their Day" -
It was ordained to be they're day

IS MY UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS CORRECT?

*Have I acknowledged/Received all of what the Bible Teach?
(+/-)*

**ARE YOU WILLING TO WORSHIP GOD NOW AND LATER
NO MATTER WHAT?**

Regardless what happens to me or with me

AM I RECOGNIZING THE DAY OF MY VISITATION, RIGHT NOW?

He is Calling each of Us to Himself