

**Palm Sunday**  
**“Jesus Sets The Stage For His Destiny”**  
**Matthew 21:1-17**

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We come to the last week of Jesus’ life in today’s teaching. He is approaching Jerusalem – the capital city of God’s people. The most sacred ground on earth is the Temple mount, where Jesus will eventually go. He pauses at Bethphage, as he plans his entrance into the city. How will Jesus present himself? What kind of King will Jesus be? Will the religious establishment welcome him as their Messiah? What about the crowds of people that have followed him? This teaching will answer these questions and more.

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**1. JESUS IS IN COMPLETE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE EVENTS IN THE LAST WEEK OF HIS LIFE, vv. 1-3**

- A. Jesus was creating a timetable for the last week of his life
- B. Jesus sent two disciples to get an unbroken colt
- C. Jesus knew his presence would infuriate the religious leaders
- D. Jesus knew the masses enthusiasm threatened the leaders
- E. Jesus fulfilled several Messianic prophecies

**2. JESUS CHOSE TO REVEAL HIMSELF AS THE \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 4-5**

- A. Jesus is making a statement to the world
- B. Jesus is presenting himself unlike any other King
- C. Jesus is gentle and humble, Zech 9:9

**Application Point**

- ♣ Jesus’ offer of peace brings \_\_\_\_\_ between man and God, Isa 9:6
- ♣ Jesus’ second coming will be as a \_\_\_\_\_, Rev 19:16

ANSWERS: Control, Prince of Peace, Reconciliation, Warrior, Seem, Popular Opinion, Convenience, Sensational, Rejected, Sick, Marginalized.

**3. THE CROWDS \_\_\_\_\_ TO EMBRACE JESUS AS THEIR MESSIAH & KING, vv. 6-11**

- A. The crowds converged upon Jesus, vv. 6-9
- B. They put their cloaks & branches on the road, v. 8
- C. They shouted “Hosanna to the Son of David”, v. 9
- D. They shouted “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, v. 9 (Ps 118:26)
- E. They shouted “Hosanna in the highest, v. 9
- F. The whole city was in an uproar, v. 10 (*seio* = earthquakes)
- G. They identified Jesus as a prophet from Nazareth, v. 11

**Application Points**

- ♣ The crowds had no firm convictions about Jesus because they were swayed by \_\_\_\_\_
- ♣ They followed him for \_\_\_\_\_ sake
- ♣ They followed him to see the \_\_\_\_\_

**4. JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT, vv. 12-13 appalled at the corruption of the religious establishment**

- A. Jesus entered the Temple on Monday, v. 12
- B. Jesus’ was appalled by the financial enterprise at the Temple
- C. The outer court of the Temple was for the Gentiles
- D. Jesus said, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”, v. 13 (Isa 56:7)
- E. Jesus said, “But you are making it a den of robbers”, v. 13 (Jer 7:11)

**#4. JESUS CONNECTS WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ OF THEIR CULTURE, vv. 14-16**

- A. Jesus healed the blind & the lame that came to Him, v. 14
- B. The children shouted Hosanna to the Son of David, v. 15
- C. The leaders were “ticked off” at Jesus, v. 15 (Jn 12:19)
- D. The children have more spiritual depth than the leaders, Ps 8:2

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe how Jesus was being strategic in planning his entrance into Jerusalem?
2. What are your thoughts on Jesus revealing himself as the Prince of Peace?
3. Discuss how the crowds viewed Jesus?
4. Why was Jesus infuriated by the corruption of the High Priest?
5. What are your thoughts about the response of the religious leaders to Jesus doing wonderful things as he healed the sick at the Temple?

# Welcome To Hillcrest Church

*Love, Acceptance &  
Forgiveness*

*The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

*Matthew 21:9*

**March 24, 2024  
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY**

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem during the last week of his life. Will the people accept him as their Messiah, or will he get a cold shoulder?

Stick around after the service and help prepare Easter eggs for the children for next week's egg hunt.

### **GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29 @ 6:30**

Join us for a reflective time of worship as we consider the death of Jesus, which gives us the ability to be forgiven of our sins, and paves the way for his resurrection.

### **NEXT WEEK – EASTER SUNDAY**

We celebrate the resurrection of Christ! Perhaps, the greatest event in world history, because Jesus' resurrection paves the way for our resurrection. After the service there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM**

Join pastors Bruce and Tim at 7pm in zoomland for Bible study and prayer. The Bible study is based on the discussion questions in the bulletin from the previous week's sermon.

### **NEW LIFE GROUP STARTS THIS THURSDAY – MARCH 28**

For those who are interested we will continue meeting with the same format:

- Dinner at 5:45
- Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 – 7:30

The topic will be CPR – Caring, Praying, and Reaching out. Same format, just a different topic.

### **EAST INDIAN DINNER – APRIL 20 @ 5:30**

This is our fund raising event for missions and the Kibaale School in Uganda.

### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE – APRIL 23-25**

Will be held in Cameron Park at Foothills Alliance Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the open sessions. Details are forthcoming.

### **CPR+ TRAINING, SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 9AM – 4PM**

Rick Mann will be offering a more intense training for all who wish to attend. CPR = Caring, Praying and Reaching Out. This is something that everyone can do because of its simplicity, yet it is highly effective. Write this down on your calendar, lunch will be served. There will be a signup sheet at the SPOT so we know how much food to prepare. Childcare will be available.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WALK – APRIL 15 @ 6PM**

Meet at church and then visit our neighbors offerings a friendly invite to church.

### **A FAMILY IN OUR CHURCH NEEDS HELP WITH FURNITURE**

If you have any kitchen, bedroom, living room furniture, utensils, etc. See Kathy Brooks about details.

### **CHURCH STEWARDSHIP**

There is a handout at the SPOT that details our giving for the year. At present we are just slightly under what we have budgeted for the year. We appreciate your tithes and offerings.

