

Do your job!



HOLY WEEK

A Job Well Done

Sunday: A Triumphant Entry



Are we willing to give God our donkey?

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” Matt: 21: 1-5

What do we have to offer God?

- Time
- Talents
- Material Items
- Lives

If our God asks us for something, how do we respond?

The Challenges of the Week

The Temple

¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” Matt 21: 13



Tricky Questioning

- Paying Taxes to Caesar
 - ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax^[a] to Caesar or not?”
 - ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”
 - ²¹ “Caesar’s,” they replied.
 - Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” Matt 22: 15-21

Marriage at the Resurrection

- ²³ That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. ²⁴ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. ²⁶ The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh.
- ²⁷ Finally, the woman died. ²⁸ Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?”
- ²⁹ Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. ³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.
- Matt 22: 23-30

The Greatest Commandment

- ▣ ³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”
- ▣ ³⁷ Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^[c]
- ▣ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment..”
- ▣ ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[d] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Matt 22: 34-39

Whose Son is the Messiah?

- ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”
- “The son of David,” they replied.
- ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,
- ⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.’”^[e]
- ⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” Matt 22: 41-45

Jesus had His “A” Game.

- ▣ ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. Matt 22: 22
- ▣ ³³ When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching. Matt 22: 33
- ▣ ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions. Matt 22: 46



Did others challenge us the week?

- Were our beliefs and opinions questioned?
- Was our authority challenged?
- Was our faith challenged?

Jesus stayed focus on His mission knowing what awaited.

- Continued to teach using parables. (Parables of the Wedding Banquet, The Two Sons, The Ten Virgins and The Tenants were used during this week. Matt 21, 25)
- Continued to try to save the lost with His warnings to the Jewish religious leaders in **Matthew 23**. These are the same people who were plotting against Him.
- Jesus tried to comfort His disciples and let them know what was going to happen in the coming days and at the end of time. (Matt 24)

As Christians, are we remaining focused on our mission?

- We are called to be “Lights for the World.” Matt 5: 16
- Our actions should reflect our faith. James 2:17
- We should be loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Matt 22: 37-40
- Do we let events in our lives, take our focus off of our mission as Christians?

One Last Celebration with His Friends

¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. *Matt 26: 18-19*



Jesus Sets the Example

▣ ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

▣ ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. John 13:3-5;13-16

Friendship Betrayed for 30 Pieces of Silver

- After all Judas witnessed and the love Jesus showed him, he gave Jesus up for some money.
Matt 26: 14-16
- What are the “30 pieces of silver” in our lives that keep us away from God?



Prayer, Arrest, Abandonment and Denial

- Jesus was scared and prayed for help from His Father. “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” Matt 26: 36-42
- With the help of Judas, Jesus was arrested and His disciples fled away and left Him alone.
- Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Matt 26:55-56
- Peter denied knowing Jesus, instead of staying loyal. ⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Matt 26:69-74

Crucify Him!, Beatings, Crucifixion

- The crowds shouted for Jesus to die. They all answered, "Crucify him!" Matt 27:22-26
- Soldiers mocked, beat and crowned Jesus with thorns. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. Matt 27:27-31
- Jesus was crucified. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. Matt 27:35



Jesus' Death- A Chance for Heavenly Life

