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Pastor Todd Schlechty News March 25, 2018 21:1-11 The Good Bad

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Matthew 21:1-11 When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5"SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" ⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, ⁷and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. 8Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. ⁹The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Palm Sunday – Jesus' Triumphal Entry (Mt. 21:1-11) Easter Sunday – Jesus' Resurrection (Mt. 28:1-10)

- 1. Jesus cleansing the temple (21:12-17)
- 2. Jesus healing and teaching in the temple (21:14-25:46)
- 3. The woman anointing Jesus' feet with perfume (26:6-13)
- 4. Judas' treachery with the High Priests (26:14-19)
- 5. Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper (26:20-35)
- 6. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (26:36-46)
- 7. Jesus betrayed by Judas and arrested (26:47-56)
- 8. Jesus on trial before Caiaphas & Sanhedrin (26:57-68)
- 9. Peter's denial of Jesus (26:69-75)
- 10. Jesus' trial before Pilate (27:11-26)
- 11. Jesus mocked and beaten by Roman guards (27:27-32)

- 12. Jesus hung on a Roman cross (27:33-56)
- 13. Jesus buried, grave sealed, guarded by Romans. (27:57-66)

Why does the Bad News Matter?

- 1. Temple:
- 2. Healing & Teaching:
- 3. Woman's Anointing:
- 4. Judas' Treachery:
- 5. Lord's Supper:
- 6. Gethsemane:
- 7. Betrayal & Arrest:
- 8. Sanhedrin:
- 9. Peter's Denial:
- 10. Pilate:
- 11. Mocked & Beaten:
- 12. Cross:
- 13. Burial:

Main Idea:

"It is good to learn early enough that suffering and God are not a contradiction but rather a unity, for the idea that God himself is suffering is one that has always been one of the most convincing teachings of Christianity. I think God is nearer to suffering than to happiness, and to find God in this way gives peace and rest and a strong and courageous heart."

-- Dietrich Bonheoffer, a 20th Century theologian who died in a Nazi concentration camp, wrote this about suffering.

"I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it? I turn to that lonely, twisted tortured figure on the cross, nails through hands and feet, back lacerated, limbs wrenched, brow bleeding from thorn-pricks, mouth dry and intolerably thirsty, plunged in God-forsaken darkness. That is the God for me. He set aside his immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death."

-- John Stott

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. How do I feel about Christ's suffering for me?
- When I suffer how can knowledge of Christ's suffering help me?
- 3. When have I experienced God with me in my "bad news?"

Suggestions for not missing Christ this Holy Week:

- Spend time this week reading Matthew 21-27.
- Come to the Vine Good Friday "Carry the Cross" service.

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastortodd@thevineva.org or call 703-573-5836 to set up an appointment.