

BAD NEWS, FAKE NEWS, GOOD NEWS

The Good Bad

Matthew

21:1-11

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 Bonhoeffer, 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?
2. 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.

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