

Morning Worship

April 14, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Robert Brinkman

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Scripture Reading

Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 122 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* Romey/People

Missions Moment

Hymn # 153 *My Tribute* Romey/People

Offering Prayer Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Alva Lou Schottel

Hymn # 156 *Were You There* Romey/People

Hymn # 161 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Romey/People

Special Music Romey Keith Davis

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Message "The Emotions of Easter: Forgiveness" Allan Lane

Hymn # 320 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Romey/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Closing Hymn # 95 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Romey/People

Easter Emotions: Sorrow

Luke 19:28-44

Palm Sunday is an easy day for Americans to get excited about because we love parades. On Thanksgiving and New Year's Day we sit in front of our TV sets and watch Macy's and the Rose Bowl Parade among others, flipping back and forth between the channels. We honor our Super Bowl, World Series and World Champion Basketball teams with parades in their home cities. In times of war we have honored returning soldiers with parades to celebrate their victories. This "Palm Sunday" parade had all the elements of a major network production. A big crowd, lots of wide-eyed children straining for a view, laughter, music, color, waving palm branches, even a "float" of sorts, if you will. Jesus, the center of attention, came riding into town on a borrowed colt.

I wish that we could somehow go to Jerusalem to relive the events of that great day. How exciting it would be to be a part of the crowd, to walk down that winding road from the Mount of Olives, past the Garden of Gethsemane, across the Kidron Valley and up through the great Eastern Gate. It would be a parade you would never forget!

This felt, for many - including the disciples, like Jesus' "big day." Many in the crowd believed that Jesus was their Messiah and that this parade surely marked the beginning of His reign as their conquering King. With Jesus as their king, they were convinced that it was only a matter of time until the trumpets rang out, the call to arms sounded and the Jewish nation would be led to its long delayed victory over Rome and the world. You may think it strange that Jesus chose to ride a donkey for such an occasion, but God never does anything by accident. Some would say He chose this simple beast of burden because He was a man of humility - and that is true. But Jesus chose to ride a donkey in this parade for two other very important reasons:

1) To fulfill prophecy about the Messiah. Both Matthew and John, when describing the scene of the Triumphal Entry, quote from Zechariah 9:9. The second reason Jesus chose to ride a donkey in the parade was:

2) To declare that He was a King. In times of war the conqueror would ride upon a prancing stallion, but in times of peace the king would ride a colt/donkey to symbolize that peace prevailed. Zechariah said that the king would be "gentle and riding upon a donkey." Jesus deliberately fulfilled that prophecy to call attention to the fact that He had come, not as a war maker, but as a peacemaker. Riding a donkey in the parade made a statement those watching that Jesus was a King. In fact, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords was riding through the streets of the city, but Jesus knew in His heart that this was anything but a victory parade.

For Jesus, "Palm Sunday" did not feel like the joyous occasion we make it out to be today. Palm branches were waving, people were shouting "Hosanna!" and Jesus was the center of attention as He rode through the streets. They gave Him a hero's welcome and held an impromptu parade in His honor. But as the parade came to an abrupt end as Jesus, the hero of the day, began to weep. There was no trophy, no victorious speech, and no championship ring presentation: Just a weeping hero who stunned the crowd and put a damper on the whole festive atmosphere.

Scripture tell us that Jesus reacted emotionally many times to things that He saw. Like when He saw the poor, the hungry, the ill, or when He saw people sinning. The Bible tells us repeatedly that, "...He had compassion on them." But it only tells of two times when Jesus cried. The first was at the grave of Lazarus in John 11:35 - "Jesus wept." Of course that's the shortest verse in the Bible. He compassionately wept with Mary and Martha, identifying with their sorrow. This was the second occasion here in Luke 19:41 - "As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it..." Here are the reasons Jesus was weeping.

1. Jesus Wept for the City .

A. They didn't recognize Him.

John said in John 1:11 - "He came unto His own, but His own received Him not." The Prince of Peace was in town. The Messiah was riding through the streets of Jerusalem. The Redeemer, the Savior of the world was touchable by human hand. The Son of God could literally give you His autograph...and they missed Him. Like so many of us, they wanted God on their terms. They wanted a mail-order leader; instead, they got a suffering Savior. They ordered a ruler; God sent a servant. They wanted a King and a throne and a crown, but they got a dead carpenter's son hanging naked on a cross. They didn't understand. He had come to liberate their souls, not their cities: To deliver them from the eternal punishment of sin, not from a temporary earthly dictator: To conquer death, hell and the grave and to defeat the armies of the Kingdom of Darkness, not to destroy the Roman Empire.

Like so many of our cities today, they were living for the here and now and Jesus was trying to impact eternity. And so He wept for them saying, "If you only knew! Things could have been so different. You are headed for destruction and I'm trying to save you. God sent me to you but you did not recognize the day of my visitation." These were God's chosen people. He had loved them and led them across the wilderness into the Promised Land. But they did not understand or accept the Messiah when He was right their midst. And Jesus wept. He looked out and saw the towering Temple of God silhouetted against the sky. But he could see beyond that to the years immediately ahead when Titus would surround the Holy City. When the temple stones would be taken down and the city leveled. He could see bodies in the streets, blood running in the gutters and thousands of people crying because they are starving to death while Titus waits for Jerusalem to surrender.

They didn't recognize the Messiah when He came. How different their lives could have been. How different the history of Israel could have been if they had only recognized the one who came into town that day, riding on a colt (Matthew 23:37). Jesus wept for the city. He is still weeping for our cities today.

B. They didn't understand Him.

He looks across the world and weeps for Jerusalem, Bangladesh, Beijing, Paris, Mexico City. He looks across America and weeps for San Francisco, L.A., New York City, Miami, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Saint Louis, Kansas City and yes, good old Saint Joe MO. He weeps because we gather in our churches on this day to wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna!" but in many ways we have turned our backs on God as a nation. Like Jerusalem, we have our religion, we have our synagogues and mosques and churches on nearly every corner, but we are **missing God's presence in our midst**. Jesus looks out over our cities today and sees Daddy at home beating Mommy. He sees drug addiction and alcoholism, abortion and sexual abuse. He looks out and sees the graves of teenagers who died prematurely at the hands of their own classmates, gunned down at school. He sees lives that are torn apart, kids without families, hearts that are empty, suicide, rape, murder, incest, divorce, hatred, pornography.

C. They didn't receive Him.

He sees it and He weeps. He is ever more a King today than He was on that day, seated even now at the right hand of the Throne of God, but still He weeps. "O Saint Joseph, Saint Joseph! If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes." Our cities have been devastated and for the most part it is not a poverty problem, not a drug problem, not government

problem, not an education problem. It is a sin problem and only Jesus has the cure. So let every true Christian join Him on this day in weeping for our cities. Jesus is the only answer.

2. Jesus Wept for Himself .

A. He felt rejection .

Jesus was both human and divine, both God and man. Because He was God, He knew everything that was coming. Because He was man, His decision to go to Jerusalem was one of the most difficult decisions Jesus ever made. He could see the cross before He rode in the parade. He knew He was headed for crucifixion and yet He chose to go ahead with the plan. I can't help but wonder what was going through His mind on this day. How could He smile? Could He have enjoyed that moment at all? Was there by chance a spot along the route from which He could look up and see Golgotha, the place where He would be crucified just a few days later? Were the tears on His face a result of the very human emotion of a man who was about to die?

B. He felt sin's burden.

There's nothing quite like being with someone who knows they are going to die. Tears come to their eyes and roll down their cheeks as they considered that fact that they will be leaving their loved ones behind. Tears of emotion because they would never again in this life do the things they enjoyed. Tears of wonder, even for the Christian as they tried to imagine going someplace they have never been before. Facing death is an awesome thing for us as humans. And Jesus was very much human. So He wept. He knew what was coming. Like any good Jewish boy, He had studied prophecy, and even more, as God He knew He would be the one to fulfill Isaiah 53.

We are told that while in the garden (Luke 22) that Jesus sweat great drops of blood and Matthew records Jesus as saying, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death" (Matthew 26:38). I believe Jesus, knowing what was coming and looking out across Jerusalem, was a weeping hero who "for the joy set before Him endured the cross." What Jesus did for you brought tears to His eyes.

As God the Son He wept for the city. As a man He wept for Himself. Lastly, as our Savior...

3. Jesus Wept for You .

A. No strangers in the crowd .

For Jesus, there are no "strangers" in the crowd. He picks out each one and knows them by name. He knows their stories and their history. He knows their hurts and their pain. He sees what's in your heart. We can only wonder what it was like for Jesus as He looked over the vast crowd that day and saw the mixture of expressions on their faces. Try to imagine those who were there:

There were those who loved Him. Perhaps Bartimaeus was there, the man who had received his sight, no longer in his beggar's rags. How about Zacchaeus? He had paid back his debt to society and made peace with God. And what about those ten lepers? Their skin had been cleansed and now they were rejoicing for the healing that the Lord had given them. Maybe Jairus' daughter was there, brought back to life after experiencing death, as was Lazarus who was there with his sisters Mary and Martha. These people and many more reflected the love that was in their hearts for this man who had taught them, molded them and changed them.

There were also sinister faces there: Faces with squinty eyes, waiting for Him to say one wrong word, to make one mistake. The Pharisees and Sadducees were there.

As Spiritual Leaders they were supposed to be keepers of the Law. But Jesus had gained so much popularity that they felt threatened. They watched, full of jealousy, with evil intent, looking for an opportunity to kill Him. The Romans were there, fearing a possible revolt and watching for any signs of rebellion. They were ready and waiting to crush any uprising. Jesus realized, as He listened to their "Hosannas!" that soon the sinister voices would drown out the voices of love. That those crying for Him to be King would soon be crying out, "Crucify Him!" or that they would simply stand aside, saying nothing at all. And so as He looked out at the faces in the crowd, Jesus, the hero of the day, stood weeping.

B. No strangers in the congregation .

And He still weeps for you today if you do not know Him. He scans the crowd, with the cross now behind Him, offering complete forgiveness to all who will come to Him (John 1:11-12).

Tell me, what does Jesus see when He looks your way this morning? You may have shouted and sang along with the crowd this morning, but in your heart, have you made Jesus King of Kings and Lord of Lords? When He looks at you does He see a devoted follower or a deceiver? A denier? A fake? A smiling face with a sinister plot?

Conclusion:

Today, with the cross behind Him and seated at the right hand of God, Jesus no longer weeps for Himself, but He still weeps for our city and among the faces in the crowd He finds you. If you've not accepted His ultimate sacrifice for you on the cross as the only way of forgiveness from sin, then Jesus weeps for you. The Weeping Hero still sheds tears of compassion because He came for you and you have yet to acknowledge the day of His visitation. Your life can be so different. Your home can be so different. Even your death will be so different if you will only make Him Lord of your life! Won't you come to the Weeping Hero this morning?

Come to the Weeping Hero!

Prophecies of The King

Today we join millions of other Christians around the world as we commemorate Palm Sunday, the first day of the last week of Jesus life on earth. Matthew 21:1-9 records the triumphal entry of the King. Here's a summary of each of His last days.

Sunday—Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Monday—Jesus cleanses the temple of the money changers

Tuesday—Controversies with the Jewish leaders

Wednesday—maybe a day of rest

Thursday—Preparation for the Passover and The Lord's supper is instituted.

Friday—Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus

Saturday—Jesus body rests in the tomb while Jesus descends to the lowest parts of the earth and takes keys of death away from Satan

Sunday—Jesus rises from the dead

Jesus deserved all of the praises of the people for many reasons. Perhaps one that doesn't readily come to mind would be His fulfillment of prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah. With His entrance into Jerusalem He fulfilled Zechariah 9:9. Here's a listing of some of the prophecies He fulfilled.

1. Being the Son of God (Psalm 2:7). Fulfilled in Luke 1:32, 35.
2. Being the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15). Fulfilled in Galatians 4:4.
3. Coming from the seed of Abraham (Genesis 17:7; 22:18). Fulfilled in Galatians 3:16.
4. Being from the seed of Isaac (Genesis 21:12). Fulfilled in Hebrews 11:17-19.

5. Being from the seed of David (Psalm 132:11; Jeremiah 23:5). Fulfilled in Acts 13:23; Romans 1:3.
6. Coming at a specific time (Genesis 49:10; Daniel 9:24, 25). Fulfilled in Luke 2:1.
7. His being born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). Fulfilled in Matthew 1:22, 23; Luke 2:7.
8. The slaying of the children of Bethlehem (Jeremiah 31:15). Fulfilled in Matthew 2:16-18.
9. Jesus being called Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14). Fulfilled in Matthew 1:22, 23.
10. Jesus being born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Fulfilled. Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-6.
11. Great people coming to adore him (Psalm 72:10). Fulfilled in Matthew 2:1-11.
12. His being called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1). Fulfilled in Matthew 2:15.
13. His being preceded by John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1). Fulfilled in Matthew 3:1,3; Luke 1:17.
14. Jesus being anointed with the Spirit (Psalm 45:7; Isa 11:2; 61:1). Fulfilled in Matthew 3:16; John 3:34; Acts 10:38.
15. His being a Prophet like to Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-18). Fulfilled in Acts 3:20-22.
16. Being a Priest after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4). Fulfilled in Hebrews 5:5, 6.
17. Entering into public ministry (Isaiah 61:1, 2). Fulfilled in Luke 4:16-21, 43.
18. His ministry starting in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1,2). Fulfilled in Matthew 4:12-16, 23.
19. His entering publicly into Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9). Fulfilled in Matthew 21:1-5.
20. His coming into the temple (Haggai 2:7, 9; Malachi 3:1). Fulfilled in Matthew 21:12; Luke 2:27-32; John 2:13-16.
21. His poverty (Isaiah 53:2). Fulfilled in Mark 6:3; Luke 9:58.
22. His meekness (Isaiah 42:20. Fulfilled in Matthew 12:15, 16, 19.
23. His tenderness and compassion (Isaiah 40:11; 42:3). Fulfilled in Matthew 12:15, 20; Hebrews 4:15.
24. Jesus being without guile (Isaiah 53:9). Fulfilled in 1 Peter 2:22.
25. His zeal (Psalm 69:9). Fulfilled in John 2:17.
26. His preaching by parables (Psalm 78:2). Fulfilled in Matthew 13:34, 35.
27. His working miracles (Isaiah 35:5, 6). Fulfilled in Matthew 11:4-6; John 11:47.
28. His bearing reproach (Psalm 22:6; 69:7, 9, 20). Fulfilled in Romans 15:3.
29. His being rejected by his brethren (Psalm 69:8; Isaiah 63:3). Fulfilled in John 1:11; 7:3.
30. His being a stone of stumbling to the Jews (Isaiah 8:14). Fulfilled in Romans 9:32; 1 Peter 2:8.
31. His being hated by the Jews (Psalm 69:4; Isaiah 49:7). Fulfilled in John 15:24, 25.
32. His being rejected by the Jewish rulers (Psalm 118:22). Fulfilled in Matthew 21:42; John 7:48.

There were other prophecies that were specific only to Passion Week. Perhaps we'll share those next week.

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan
Sunday, April 14, 2019

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Ken Nice, Dillon Burgess,

Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: LeRoy Bush

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

We will finish up JBS!

Wednesday, April 17

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday..... 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Happy Easter!

Sunrise Breakfast..... 8:15 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Ken Nice,

Gary Yarbrough, Don Sharp

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship

Wednesday, April 24

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events

April 18 — Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm

April 19 — Good Friday

April 21 — Easter — Sunrise Breakfast @ 8:15 am

April 28 — SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting, FBC Weston

May 2 — SJBA Senior Adult Event, 10:00 am,

Crossroads Chapel

June 3-7 — Youth Camp

June 11-16—SJBA Mission Trip to Yankton, South Dakota

First meeting—May 6, 7 pm @ Mission Center

July 15-19 — Children's Camp

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Night

We will be having Sunday evening service tonight as we attempt to finish up our January Bible Study lessons. Please come for a time of fellowship and inspirational study.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

A few weeks ago we began a study entitled “Unseen, But Certain” by Dr. Danny Akin on topics, such as Demons, Hell, and Heaven. Our prayer time is also important. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church.

Thanks for supporting the Food Kitchen Ministry

We have done this ministry for several years and it is still effective. But we could use more servants! Is God calling you to serve in this area? Pray about it!

SJBA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
April 28, 2019
First Baptist Church
Weston, Missouri
4:00 pm

We will plan to go and take the van. More details to come soon.

EASTER

Next Sunday, April 21, is Easter. Our Easter morning schedule will be as follows:

Breakfast 8:15 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship...10:30 am

No Evening Worship

For the Record-

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Attendance: April 7, 2019

Sunday School.....	27
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	29
Contacts Made.....	8
Morning Worship.....	45
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship	11
Wednesday Night	6

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 3,307.15
Long Family – March..	\$ 75.00
Annie Armstrong	\$ 1,300.00

Offering Received by Mail:

April Counting Team:

Jordan Lane and Larry McKahan

April Van Driver:

George Burgess
Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

April Member Birthdays:

05... Datha Dillon
13... Alice Coats
15... Larry McKahan
18... Lillie Williams
25... Jo Mayse
30... Nikki Garber

April Anniversaries

Joe and Pam Battreal
April 17, 1999

Bill and Juanita Haskins

April 17, 1948

Joseph and Alice Coats

April 29, 2000

Prayer Requests ...

Dottie Wildberger—recovery

Gary Hurst—cancer

Jim Winans

Alice Coats—elbow

Nellie Reynolds

Mike Green—Knee Surgery

Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister

Brendan Conner—Swymeller's Grandson

Jack and Flo Conard

Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery

Sandy and Stanley Wilson

Ruth Anne Bush—healing

Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia

Linda Huff—cancer treatment

Marcia and Don Hart—blessings

Arlette Duty—strength

Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health

Donna and Bill Dunn—health

Karissa and Matt Long and family

Stephanie & Jason Terpack

Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim

Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister

Doris Richardson June Fritchle

The Waters Family Elmer Mayse

Betty Campbell Kevin Duty

Ann Riddle Tim Izer

Keon McKahan

Jozy Winans Kenny Duty

Pat Means Buddy Means

Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands

Pat Puckett Curtis Conard

Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane

Carolyn Houts Seth Long

Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church

David and Deborah Grace

Our Nation and Leaders

Our Military Service Women and Men

Terrorism in our world

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
