

THE PASSION *of* PALM SUNDAY 2011

THE COMING OF THE KING, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

LUKE 19:28-44

SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2011

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“ONLY THE CROSS”

IS GOD’S ANSWER FOR A HURTING WORLD

*THE PALM SUNDAY MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST
HIS KINGSHIP, HIS LORDSHIP AND HIS GODHOOD, BRING HOPE*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Introduction to the Text;

Luke 19:28-44

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

I Wanna Welcome You to One of
The Greatest Sunday Mornings in all of Human History

Matthew 21:1-11 // Mark 11:1-11 // Luke 19:28-44

Luke 19:28-44

When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **:29** And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, *that* He sent two of His disciples, **:30** saying, “Go into the village opposite *you*, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring *it here*. **:31** And if anyone asks you, “Why are you losing *it?*” thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’ ” **:32** So those who were sent went their way and found *it* just as He had said to them. **:33** But as they were losing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you losing the colt?” **:34** And they said, “The Lord has need of him.”....

....:35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, (*an unbroken, young donkey= peace offering*) and they set Jesus on him. :36 And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road. :37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, :38 saying: “ ‘*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!*’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” :39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” :40 But He answered and said to them, “*I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.*” :41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, :42 saying, “*If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.*” :43 *For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, :44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you **did not know the time of your visitation.**”*

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals
His secret to His servants the prophets.

Is. 46:9

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, :10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, “**My counsel** (*His word*) shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’

What’s the Significance of this? – It’s that The God of the Bible is The One and Only - Knowable God.

Psa. 46:10

Be still, and **know** (*yada*) that I am God;

Jer. 29:12-13

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. :13 And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

The word "Gospel" means Good News and the Message of Christianity is the Gospel. - So then why is the Good News of Christianity so undesirable in the world today?

One Reason is because of "False Christians" or Uneducated Christians Parading about as if their lifestyle is a true representation of the teaches of Jesus. A **Second reason**, and I believe the real reason, is that the Gospel is so powerful, so life changing, so transforming that it is Hell's most feared enemy. – the gospel.
But what makes the gospel so powerful? – The Cross !!!

If you own a good Study Bible, (Palm Sunday) is known as the "Presentation of the King".
Some Scriptures describe this day in history as "The Anointing of the King".

But few, if any - call it for what it Factually is –
"The Revelation of the Lamb of God."

IT IS TRUE THAT;

Zech. 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

It is the Presentation of the Lamb-King, but Israel failed to Recognize that Their **Coming King** Would First Would Have to Come as a **Redeeming Lamb**.

Is. 53:7

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

Jesus' 1st. Coming was to be **Sacrificed**. Jesus' 2nd. Coming is to **Reign**

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1.) God's one true message to man is - **The Cross**

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GOD'S ONLY ONE MESSAGE TO MAN IS - THE CROSS

1a.) Why do we need the Cross of Jesus Christ ?

From the Beginning God has spoken to man that our sinful conduct has separated us from God's holiness and presences – *yet we desire Him.*

In the days of the Old Testament, The LORD said I will meet with man there at the place of sacrifice – *until...*

It's this "Void of Soul" that causes all men, everywhere to perform some sort of religious act or acts to obtain the favor of their Gods.

The LORD God of the Bible has given us The Cross
and Jesus' Cross Fulfills a Promise of God...

"I Will Meet With You"

Palm Sunday Shouts That Jesus Christ is that tabernacle of meeting for any man or woman seeking love and acceptance and forgiveness.

The Cross is The Altar Sacrifice of Meeting,
of Restoration, of man coming back to God.

Imagine With Me - There in Jerusalem Stood the Temple
in All its Glory – but its glory was fading...

Jesus Christ Directed His Followers to **The Centrality** of the Cross

Matt. 20:17-19

Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, **:18** “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, **:19** and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

And Paul Echoed **The Centrality** of the Cross

1Cor. 2:1-5

And I, brethren, when **I came to you**, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **:2** For **I determined** not to know anything among you **(1)** except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **:3** **I was with you** in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. **:4** And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but **(2)** in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **:5** that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but **(3)** in the power of God.

There Are Things To Be “**Absolute**” About – Things Worthy of Your Devotion.

Things Worthy of Your Life and Mine...

THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY.

March 14th. 445bc. To April 6th. 32ad.
(*exactly 173,880 or 483 years*)

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1b.) Why did it have to be Jesus Christ on the Cross ?

Zech. 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matt. 21:8-10

And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. :9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! *‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’* Hosanna in the highest!” :10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”

God’s Prophetic Previews

Gen. 22:1-4

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” ¶ And he said, “Here I am.” :2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” :3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. :4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

I ask you today **Israel** and **Gentile** Nations
alike,

Who do you know in history who has this rumor circulating around about them?

This is a Deep Passage, Listen Carefully All You Techno nerds

Gen. 49:10-11

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until **Shiloh** (Messiah) comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the nations. :11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, (*a 2,000 year pause has been placed at the end of that comma*)

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1c.) Why should the Gospel Jesus matter to me ?

The "Gospel Jesus" wasn't crucified to save your marriage. He wasn't nailed to the cross so you could call yourself a champion. – Jesus went to the cross to make dead men live.

Christian - there is no "Good News" of Salvation or Eternal Life Without the fact that Jesus Christ Came, Lived, Died and Rose again from the grave – all of this was accomplished at the Cross. - Without His death at Cross there is no future Life for any of us.

If the Preaching of the Cross is Omitted from a Message a Bible Study or Witnessing or a Crusade – There is no Chance for Salvation to Happen.

1Cor. 1:17-18

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. :18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Power It's What That Cross Represents:

Perfection abused / holiness rejected / love scorned / sins forgiven / the lost found / hell defeated / the grave powerless and Satan disarmed.

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2.) God's one roadmap to peace is - The Cross

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GOD'S ONLY ONE ROADMAP TO PEACE IS - THE CROSS

2a.) How can the Cross bring me peace ?

The Cross is Our Altar, Our Place of Sacrifice.

Col. 2:13-15

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. :14 He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross. :15 In this way, God disarmed the evil rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross of Christ.

Where do you go when your soul is troubled ?
Where can you hide when you've done something wrong ?

Psa. 91:1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

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2b.) How can the Cross have any power ?

It's not the cross itself. Its not the wood. Its not its shape or its texture. The power of the cross is what and whom was placed upon it.

Is. 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. :6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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2c.) How can the Cross change my life ?

God has Said "This is the Place of Meeting" and I will meet you there. But it is required of you that you bring me something that allows us to meet.

Is. 45:22

"Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

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3.) God's one payment for sin is - The Cross

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GOD'S ONE PAYMENT FOR SIN IS - ONLY THE CROSS

3a.) What does the Cross offer ?

The Forgiveness of All sin

1John 2:2

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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GOD'S ONE PAYMENT FOR SIN IS - ONLY THE CROSS

3b.) What does the Cross guarantee ?

Freedom, Hope, Safety, Assurance, of....
Eternal Life with God

John 6:47

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. :48 I am the bread of life.

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4.) God's one good news to the world is – The Cross

GOD'S ONE GOOD NEWS – IS ONLY THE CROSS

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4a.) The Cross answers your questions

Jesus Christ is the Only Lamb, Offering, Sacrifice, Atonement

John 3:14-17

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **:15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **:17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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4b.) The Cross confronts the sins of life

Col. 2:16-17

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, **:17** which are a shadow of things to come, **but the substance is of Christ.**

Heb. 8:1

...We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, **:2** a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Rom. 10:9-11

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **:10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **:11** As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Where Will You Hide Your Sins Young Man – Where?

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4c.) The Cross liberates anyone who's willing to come

there is no lasting liberation if you go and make an offering at a physical temple or make confession before a human priest – its empty !

Matt. 11:28

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

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5.) God's one way of salvation for man is - The Cross

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GOD'S ONE WAY OF SALVATION - IS ONLY THE CROSS

5a.) Salvation must have a provider

That's would be Lord in all His generosity

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GOD'S ONE WAY OF SALVATION – IS ONLY THE CROSS

5b.) Salvation must have a pauper

That would be you and I who cant even so much as approach Him

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GOD'S ONE WAY OF SALVATION - IS ONLY THE CROSS

5c.) Salvation must have a purpose

**The Bible Has Never Been Wrong – It's Never Missed a Beat
And the Bible Says Jesus is Coming Again**

Lets End Where We Started Today...

:43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, **:44** and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**"

Psa. 24:8

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. **:9** Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. **:10** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

**My Question to you is;
What does Jesus Chirst see in your future?**

"No Distractions Please - Lets Remain Seated as We Pray,"

(usher are coming forward now)

WORSHIP LEADER BRING TEAM OUT NOW

"THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW"

Give The Invitation & Challenge

End of Study

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