PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 2019

THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CHRIST TO HIS PEOPLE, HIS NATION AND HIS CITY.

The Gospel In Stereo - The Eyewitness Accounts As Reported by Matthew, Mark, Luke & John - a Compilation.

Matthew 21:1-10, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Why Jesus Christ Alone Is Worthy

The Palm Sunday Ministry of His Glory and Power and Presentation of The Lamb of God Who Alone Is Worthy

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Congregational Reading of Compilation of The Narrative

Matthew 21:1-10 // Mark 11:1-11 // Luke 19:28-44 // John 12:12-19

:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, :2 "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. :3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and immediately he will send them." And so finding the donkey and its colt just as He had said, they put Jesus on him :4 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down palm branches and other leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. :5 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Blessed is the King of Israel!" Blessed is the kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest!" :6 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey." ":7 Now some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But Jesu answered and said to them, :8 "I tell you the truth that if these should keep silent, these very stones would immediately cry out." Now as He drew near, He saw the city of Jerusalem and began to wept over it. saying, :9 "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. :10 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; :11 and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." :12 When He had now come into the city, all Jerusalem was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

"Who Is This?"

hasn't that been the proverbial, "64,000 dollar question" throughout history? for 2,000 years every single human being has had to face the question "Who is this?"

It's a question that Jesus asked of His students.

Matthew 16:13

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?": 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.": 15 Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?": 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.": 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

Why Jesus Christ Alone Is Worthy

We cannot begin a study today about God or who is God or what is God without dealing with a looming presupposition – That God, like all personalities possess self-determination, self-identifying attributes that make Him as an individual (God) knowable and experiential.

God can be Known and Related to and "Enjoyed" Which brings us to what is the single most

controversial issue regarding (1) The Ministry, (2) The Person of who Jesus Christ Is (3) The Prophecies and here's why "All of The Attributes of God" that are ascribed to the Almighty God of the Bible, every single one of them are ascribed to Jesus Christ!

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

Psalm 2:1-12

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion." 7 "I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the **Lord** with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 **Kiss the Son**, lest **He** be angry, and you perish in the way, when **His** wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in **Him**.

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? (there is only one known to have done this) Who has gathered the wind in His fists? (there is only one known to have done this) Who has bound the waters in a garment? (there is only one known to have done this) Who has established all the ends of the earth (there is only one known to have done this)? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?

We learn also that "The Attributes of God"

are inseparably linked to the Names that He uses of Himself.

Yehovah or YHWH meaning / Elohim meaning / Adonai meaning / El Shaddai meaning / El Elyon
Yehovah Sabbaoth meaning LORD of Heaven's Armies

If you were to combine all the meanings and the names of God into one, revelatory, all-encompassing name, that Name would be

I AM

The "I AM" is the God - - - of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. The "I AM" is the One - - - that spoke to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

Exodus 3:12-15

So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." :13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" :14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " 15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My Name

Famously, Jesus is the English spelling for the Greek name "Iesous". Intentionally, His name in Hebrew is "Joshua" meaning;

"The Lord Is Salvation"

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Philippians 2:6-11 NLT

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as being something to **hold on to**. 7 Instead, he **gave up** his divine privileges he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. **:9** Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

To Learn Why Jesus Christ Alone Is Worthy

We must consider The 7 I AM claims of Jesus Christ.

The doctrine of Aseity (Self-Contained, Self-Existing, Self-Sustaining)

John 8:53,56-58

Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"... 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." :57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" :58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." :59 So they took up stones to throw at Him, to kill Him;

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1.) It's Because He's The Bread

John 6:35

And **Jesus said** to them, "I am the **bread of life**. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

"bread and water" will sustain a man in prison indefinitely.

Let us "break bread" together.

God lowered "bread - manna" down from heaven for 40 years for Israel

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2.) It's Because He's The Light

John 8:12

Then **Jesus said** to them again, saying, "I am the **light** of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the **light** of life." The sole possessor and distributor of revelatory light or The Internal spark and flame and brilliance of enlightenment.

Physical light = life here and now // Spiritual light = life eternally.

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3.) It's Because He's The Door

John 10:9

Jesus said "I am THE door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved"

Sheep are the most helpless of all domesticated animals.

They will graze head down for hours – rarely ever looking up. Getting lost or falling into a ravine or off a cliff.

Sheep Have No "Homing Instinct" They Cannot Return Home on Their Own Ability – They Lack that Skill Set.

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4.) It's Because He's The True Vine

John 15:1

Jesus said "I am the true vine"

A very interesting statement by Jesus.

The "True" Vine or "**Source**" Vine is the main root of the plant.

At its most powerful and effective location along the "**Source**" Vine" is the fact that it is beneath the surface – hidden from view.

A fruitless tree or vineyard is a fruitless tree or vineyard because the life producing power of **The "True" Vine or "Source" Vine** has been severed.

John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides in Me,** and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you **that you should go and bear fruit**, and that your fruit should remain

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5.) It's Because He's The Good Shepherd

John 10:11

And Jesus said to them "I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

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6.) It's Because He's The Resurrection and the Life.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said, "I am the **resurrection** and the **life**. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **26** And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Lazarus had died and Jesus was about to use the opportunity.

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7.) It's Because He's The Way, Truth & Life

John 14:6

Jesus said, "I am the **Way**, the **Truth**, and the **Life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

So back to today – Palm Sunday

Zechariah 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.*

Isaiah 62:11

Indeed the **Lord** has proclaimed to the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of **Zion**, 'Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.'"

Perhaps to the western culture this verse is a warm

and tenderhearted moment. For the animal lover it's a moving scene, Jesus riding a cute young donkey while the mother donkey follows along proud that it's little colt is carrying the creator of the universe. But to the Middle Eastern mind, the scene is humiliating. A carpenter by trade, itinerate preacher, on the back of a slow-moving harmless donkey – being hailed as the king of Israel and the salvation of the world!

Rabbi Jack – This is where we part ways with you. We are not about to associate with such a weak display of humility and shame.

Hey Jack, If you want us to have a Savior, Come back to us with a Mighty King, a Conquering King kinda Savior, One who...

From The Book Of Revelation

Who can "open up the heavens come back upon a white horse. One who is called Faithful and True, we want a savior who can bring us righteousness, One who judges and makes war in our defense. we want a savior whose eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns. We want to have a savior who is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. We want a savior that the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. That out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule the world with a rod of iron. We want a savior who treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 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. Selah

I will give you my (i am) statement today. i am the one today – saying to you – you have

no excuse, no argument - you have nowhere to hide!

I read this week an article and in it, this was presented:

"For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

"God and the Astronomers"

by Robert Jastrow, Director of NASA, Goddard Space Center.

Professor of Geophysics at Columbia University.

(If) Since Jesus is Who He is, How does this Reality affect you personally?

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