



The Relevance of Palm Sunday

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John 11:45 Many therefore of the Jews, who had come to Mary and beheld what He had done, believed in Him.

⁴⁶ But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.

⁴⁸ "If we let Him *go on* like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

⁴⁹ But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,

⁵⁰ nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish."

⁵¹ Now this he did not say on his own initiative; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,

⁵² and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

⁵³ So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

⁵⁴ Jesus therefore no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

⁵⁵ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, to purify themselves.

⁵⁶ Therefore they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?"

⁵⁷ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

12:1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

² So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.

³ Mary therefore took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said,

⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to poor *people*?"

⁶ Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

⁷ Jesus therefore said, "Let her alone, in order that she may keep it for the day of My burial.

⁸ "For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

⁹ The great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

¹⁰ But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also;

¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away, and were believing in Jesus.

¹² On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

¹³ took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and *began* to cry out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."

¹⁴ And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

¹⁷ And so the multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing Him witness.

¹⁸ For this cause also the multitude went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

¹⁹ The Pharisees therefore said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

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The Relevance of The Resurrection

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel ("The gospel" means "good news!")

which I preached to you, (We are to hear and share the gospel)

which also you received, (We are to receive/trust the gospel)

in which also you stand, (We are to build our lives on the gospel)

²by which also you are saved, (We are saved from the penalty of our sin, the eternal judgement of God, by the gospel)

if you hold fast the word which I preached to you,

unless you believed in vain. (intellectual assent does not save;
placing our confidence in the gospel does)

³For I delivered to you as of first importance (the most important teaching in the Bible)

what I also received, that

(The following is the gospel)

Christ

died for our sins (Jesus was punished for the sins of everyone who would trust the gospel. See the passages below) **according to the Scriptures,** (prophesies written hundreds of years before Jesus came; Isaiah 52:13-53:12 for example)

⁴and that He was buried, (Jesus' death was verified before and during His burial. He wasn't just unconscious.)

and that He was raised on the third day (Jesus' bodily resurrection verifies the gospel) **according to the Scriptures,** (Jesus was prophesied to die as well as to be the eternal king)

⁵and that He appeared ... (The gospel is further verified by eye-witnesses who proclaimed the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus even to their own persecution and death. None recanted.)

1 Corinthians 15:1-5 quoted phrase by phrase with commentary.

The sufficiency of Jesus' death to cover the penalty of our sin is verified by the resurrection

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross 1 Peter 2:24 ("sin" is breaking God's laws)

Jesus Christ ...released us from our sins (removed our sin from our record) **by His blood** Revelation 1:5

In Him we have redemption (payment for our sins) **through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses** (sins), Ephesians 1:7

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, (eternal death) **having become a curse for us—** Galatians 3:13

He made Him (Jesus) **who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.** 2 Corinthians 5:21 (The great transfer: Jesus took our sin and gave us His righteousness/goodness.)

... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (heaven)

²⁴ **being justified** (given the gift of forgiveness and righteousness) **as a gift by His grace** (love) **through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;**

²⁵ **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation** (bearer of the wrath of God on sin) **in His blood through faith.** Romans 3:23-25

...we were reconciled (made friends) **to God through the death of His Son,** Romans 5:10

The right response to the resurrection:

(The following is the conclusion of the first sermon after Jesus' resurrection which was proclaimed not far from the empty tomb.)

...what shall we do?"

³⁸ **And Peter said to them, "Repent,** (trust Jesus as Savior and Lord) **and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** (God's indwelling presence)

³⁹ **"For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."** Acts 2:37-39

The words in bold print are quotes from the Bible (NASV.)

The rest is commentary.