



That You May Believe That Jesus Is The Christ, The Son of God

Palm Sunday 2023

Easter Theme Passage

John 20:31 ... "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed."

³⁰ Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

³¹ but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

The Word

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶ There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but *came* that he might bear witness of the light.

⁹ There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

¹³ who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

¹⁶ For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

The, "I Am"

Exodus 3:14 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may 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 sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ And God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the 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 forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

1. **John 6:35** ... Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

2. **John 8:12** ...Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."
3. **John 10:7** ...Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
4. **John 10:11** ..."I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
5. **John 11:25** ...Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,
²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die
6. **John 14:6** ...Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.
7. **John 15:1** ..."I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

The Signs

1. **John 2:1-11** water to wine
2. **John 4:46-54** Roman's son healed
3. **John 5:1-18** a lame man healed
4. **John 6:1-14** feeding of 5000
5. **John 6:15-21** Jesus walks on water
6. **John 9:1-41** a blind man healed
7. **John 11:1-57** a man raised from the dead

The Seventh Sign

11:43 ..."Lazarus, come forth."

⁴⁴ He who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings; and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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.

The Anointing for Burial

John 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.

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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."