

## Easter Series 2024 - The Road To Calvary

### #3 – Remember

Mark 14:1-9; 22-26

Series: We continue with Jesus on his final journey *To Jerusalem. The Road To Calvary.*

This Sunday is traditionally known as Palm Sunday.

The Sunday - massive crowds would gather to observe a memorial that had driven national identity and conduct for close to 1500 years.

- In Egyptian bondage, Israel celebrated **the first Passover**. **They by faith shed the blood of a lamb, applied the blood to the doorposts, and began their redemption journey.**
  - Exodus 12  
*14. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; **ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.***
- **They had**, and once again they came to celebrate the symbol of their redemption.

Little did they know that **this very week the symbol would end** and **the Memorial celebration would cease.**

**The real Lamb, portrayed in the death of millions of lambs, would shed His blood once and for all before the week was over.**  
**The symbol would be replaced by the Savior!**

Palm Sunday: The Sunday Jesus **rode into Jerusalem** to **cheering crowds hailing “Hosanna To The King”.**

- He looked like a King. Did things that only the long-awaited King could do.  
***Surely, life was going to get much better – soon!***
- **They thought they knew exactly what they needed.** Jesus the King would give them what they had waited for and wanted.
- **Yet, before the week was over, their cry would turn to “Crucify Him... Let His blood be on our heads.”**

Luke's gospel recorded that Jesus would look over the bustling city, and weep over it. His sobering words –

*"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace!... thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. " Luke 19:41-44*

Soon, the journey that was planned before the world began would end at the Cross.

- The child born of a virgin would be the only begotten son given for the sins of the world.
- *"The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"* would shed His blood and do just that!
- The wages of sin would be forever paid.
- Eternal redemption would be provided.

Everything was going to change.

Time would be split in half and marked by the event of eternity- the gospel of Jesus: His death, burial and resurrection!

Prior to the ending of the Memorial Of Passover,

Prior to the week that would forever change everything and become the singular focus of all creation

Jesus established TWO MEMORIALS.

- Both actually seemed **out of place prior** to the events of the week.
- Both **referenced the gospel** – THE GOOD NEWS – Which we know and they would come to learn was the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus – **Before the gospel!**

Jesus directed,

- Those who were *with Him* and *would be changed* and *would change the world* after the next few days,
- And **Those of us who would gather 2000 years later**

To Remember.

And remembering, to Respond.

This morning, we do just that.

## **I. The Memorial Sacrifice.** Mark 14:1-9

### **The significance: vs. 9.**

*“Wherever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world”*

1. Before the gospel!
2. After – remember and respond!

### **The sacrifice: Offering of great value!**

Stunned. Irritated.

“The poor you have with you always...”

- **A Stunning Offering**
  - **A Woman!**
  - **Total- Nothing Held back- “She broke the vase!”**
- **A Year’s Wage**
- **A Lingering Fragrance**

### **Substance.**

- **Awareness.** “she hath come beforehand to anoint my body to the burying”
- **Appreciation.**
- **Action.**
  - **Jesus:** “*She hath done what she could.*”
  - **She defied –**
    - culture,
    - convenience
    - cost,
    - common sense,
    - a crowd that unfortunately she had to ignore!

### **Remember!**

**Those of you who will hear the gospel, and believe, and be changed forever**

- **What is appropriate?**

- What prompted the words of approval from our Savior?

*"She hath done what she could"*

Remember – and respond!

## II. The Memorial Supper. In Remembrance Of Me

We call it the Lord's Supper. Communion.

### The Staggering Switch!

From generations of tradition and observation – Passover – defining and driving  
To The Foundation and Focus of everything!

### The Stunning Symbols

Unleavened Bread –

"Take... eat – this is my body" - 1 Cor. 11:24 – *"which is broken for you"*

The bread of life!

Fruit of the vine -

"This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many."

Paul – 1 Corinthians 11 – "this do ye, *as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*"

### Symbols, not sacraments!

- *"in remembrance of me"*
- "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, *ye do shew the Lord's death* till he come." 1 Corinthians 11:26

\*\*\*Judas had left. *This was not for everyone.* Those who reject by unbelief the gospel – His death, burial and resurrection – meaningless. Blasphemous!

It was never a means of salvation; it was a perpetual reminder of the only foundation: Jesus!

It wasn't even for all believers in all places. 1 Cor. 11 – Not for them to do individually in homes, but collectively as the body of Christ! Just those in the upper room to begin with!

### Significance of the Memorial:

**Remember** – The price. The gospel.

**Respond.**

**Realize** –

Mark 14:25 – “until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 11:26 – “till he come”

### Conclusion:

**Jesus – everything from this week on will be defined and driven by what happens this week- The Cross. The Resurrection. The Gospel!**

### **Remember.**

Have you trusted Jesus as your personal Savior?!

*Have you received the gift?*

*Have you accepted His love?*

*Have you experienced the life made possible by His death on the cross?*

- If not...
- If so – Remember! Realize!

### **Respond.**

Forget all but Him!

*“She hath done what she could”*

What can we do?

What should we do – this morning?