

Surrounding Events of Palm Sunday Prove Jesus is Savior

Today we will reveal how people with different needs and personalities all find Jesus is Savior.

The amazing proof of Jesus as savior and why the cost of believing is absolutely worth it.

How can it be that God in Christ remains with utmost love and care for us all and individually?

God works sovereignly, individually arranging the time of your birth, parents, peoples, surroundings and settings, so that you might know and enjoy Him forever.

Psalm 139: 1-16; Acts 17:26-27; Eph. 2:10

- **Saturday** before the Passion week- Jesus is anointed at an honorary supper (John 12: 1-8).
- On **Sunday** the crowd gathers.
- **Monday**, Jesus makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem—Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19. This is the same day that the Priest would choose the Passover Lamb. Jesus is the Pascal Lamb. Then it's back to Bethany
- **Tuesday**, He goes up to Jerusalem and curses the fig tree (Matt. 21:18-19). Then He cleanses the Temple (Mark 11:15-17), then goes back to Bethany.
- **Wednesday** the disciples see the fig tree (Matt. 21:20-22), have a discussion in the Temple, then go to the Mount of Olives for the Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24-25:46).
- **Thursday**, the Passover meal is eaten in the upper room (John 13).

- Jesus is then crucified **Friday**, buried and rose from the dead three days later on **Sunday** morning.

Three people reveal three different aspects proving Jesus is Savior and the amazing difference Jesus makes in their lives.

Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Lu. 7:37, 38, 46; 10:38-42; 12:37; 22:27; John 11:43, 44, 12: 9-11

1. The **worker**- Martha.
The best blessing you can get is serving someone else.
Matthew 20:28
2. The **Worshiper**- Mary.
Jesus saved Mary from Worshiping something less than God.
Matthew 6:24
3. The **witness**- Lazarus.
Jesus proved He was the Messiah and Lazarus was raised from the dead.
Matthew 28:19-20

A crowd of people prophetically celebrate Jesus as Messiah.

Matt. 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12: 12-19

The Triumphal Entry.

1. Palm branches
2. The cry *Hosanna*

Prophecy is fulfilled within the crowd.

Dan. 9:24-26; Neh. 2:5-8; Ps 118:24

In closing...

Jesus works on your behalf, individually and collectively, painstakingly so that you might enjoy everlasting life together with Him.

Digging Deeper

He said that when A.J. Gordon was pastor of a church in Boston, he met a young boy in front of the sanctuary carrying a rusty cage in which several birds fluttered nervously. Gordon inquired, "Son, where did you get those birds?" The boy replied, "I trapped them out in the field." "What are you going to do with them?" "I'm going to play with them, and then I guess I'll just feed them to an old cat we have at home." When Gordon offered to buy them, the lad exclaimed, "Mister, you don't want them, they're just little old wild birds and can't sing very well." Gordon replied, "I'll give you \$2 for the cage and the birds." "Okay, it's a deal, but you're making a bad bargain." The exchange was made and the boy went away whistling, happy with his shiny coins. Gordon walked around to the back of the church property, opened the door of the small wire coop, and let the struggling creatures soar into the blue. The next Sunday he took the empty cage into the pulpit and used it to illustrate his sermon about Christ's coming to seek and to save the lost -- paying for them with His own precious blood. "That boy told me the birds were not songsters," said Gordon, "but when I released them and they winged their way heavenward, it seemed to me they were singing,

'Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed!"

You and I have been held captive to sin, but Christ has purchased our pardon and set us at liberty. When a person has this life-changing experience, he will want to sing,

"Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed!"

- Our Daily Bread: by Paul Lee Tan

John 12



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