

## **WEEKLY CATECHISM**

*(Response on the Screen at the Beginning of the Service)*

### **Q. What is God?**

**Response:** God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being - wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

### **Q. Are there More Gods than One?**

**Response:** There is but One only, the living and true God.

### **Q. How many Persons are there in the Godhead?**

**Response:** There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

## **SERMON NOTES ARE BELOW**

# PALM SUNDAY

## *“Seven Days that Silenced Creation”*

(Matthew 21-25)

### ❖ Overview of the Week

Matthew 21:1-17 tells us about ...

- Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-17)

- Triumphant Arrival in Jerusalem

It was there that He would take action in the ...

- Cleansing of the Temple

- Proclamation Monday (Matthew 21:12-26:16)

- Jesus Pronounces a Curses on the Fig Tree (Religion and Israel)
- Jesus' Authority Challenged (*Matthew 21:23-27*)
- Jesus' Pronouncements through Parables (*Matthew 21:28-22:14*)
- Jesus Pronounces Woes Over the Religious Leaders (*Matthew 23:1-36*)

- Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem (*Matthew 23:37-39*)

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! 38 See, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

- Jesus Pronounces Destruction of Temple and Jerusalem (*Matthew 24:1-25:46*)
- Communion Tuesday
  - Preparation Day
  - Lord's Supper Instituted
  - Journey to the Garden
- Crucifixion Wednesday
  - From Midnight to Dawn (6am)
    - The First Trial of Jesus before Annas Begins in the Early Morning Hours
    - The Second and Primary Trial Begins

- From Dawn to the Third Hour of the Day (6am – 9am)

Jesus is placed before Pilate to experience a ...

- Fourth Trial before Pilate, then a ...
- Fifth Trial before Herod, then back for a ...
- Sixth Trial before Pilate who sends Jesus to be ...
- Scourging of Christ and the Crucifixion in the Third Hour

- From the Third Hour to the Ninth (9am – 3pm)

- Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross

- ✓ To the Father - Forgive Them, They Know Not What They Do

- ✓ To the Thief - Today You will be with Me in Paradise

- ✓ To His Mother - Woman Behold Thy Son, Son Behold Thy Mother

- ✓ To the Creator and All Creation - My God, My God Why Forsake Me

- ✓ To the Centurion - I Thirst

- ✓ To the Forces of Darkness - It is Finished

- ✓ To the Father - Into Thy Hands

- Darkness Comes then Death to the Son of God (From Noon to 3pm)

- In the Darkness, Jesus Relinquished His Spirit (3pm)

- Prior to Sundown

- Jesus is Buried in a Borrowed Tomb

- Guards are Set in Place at the Request of the Sanhedrin

- High Sabbath Thursday (Leviticus 23:4, 7)

*“Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.” (John 19:31)*

- Preparation Friday (Mark 16:1)

*“Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.”*

*The Sabbath that was past was Thursday (the High Sabbath). Friday was a preparation day before Saturday (regular Sabbath). So Jesus was buried just before 6pm on Wednesday evening. He was in the tomb Wednesday Night, Thursday, Thursday Night, Friday, Friday Night and Saturday.*

And Saturday was ...

- Sabbath Saturday

*“For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” (Matthew 12:40)*

- First Fruits Sunday