

February 9, 2020

Prayer Life

- Mary Terpstra, please pray for healing and recovery after her back surgery on Feb. 3
- Sharon Freiburger would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and help with transportation while recovering from surgery.
- Arnie Newman would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time.

Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today! It is located right by the "Patio," look for the round rack on the outside wall.
- Jason and Kristyna Schuring are the mission of the month. They are translating the Bible to indigenous people in Brazil. Please grab a prayer card to take home and pray over. These cards are in the seatback pocket in front of you. Also, new missionary postcards are available in the seatback pocket for you to write a note of appreciation and encouragement to Jason and Kristyna. Please take one out, write a note on the backside and place the card in the blue Mission Mailbox located in the lobby.
- **Bible Reading Plan** - This year, we are encouraging our entire church to read through the Bible in one year. One of our AMAZING business leaders came up with an idea to make this more enticing. Every weekend, we will be giving away a \$50 gift card to a person who read the readings for the prior week. So here's how this works, please visit the scooter table **BEFORE** service, write your name on a ticket (if you did the readings for the week), and drop it in the bin. Then, at the end of the service, Pastor Adam will pull out a name, and someone will go home with a gift card(both services). We want to encourage our church to be in their Bibles, happy reading!
- **Financial Peace University (FPU)** is starting up on Tuesday, February 26, from 6:30-8:00 pm. FPU is a nine-lesson course that gives you the proven plan to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. The course centers around lessons taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze, followed by small group discussions. FPU includes your member workbook as well as one year of free access to Financial Peace Membership, where you'll find tons of online resources to help you start winning with money. Contact Terry Vanden Bosch at (616) 405-3175 or tsvandenbosch@gmail.com for more info.
- **FPU** is looking for some friendly people to help out with child-care. This position will pay! Please contact Susan 616-405-3505 if you are interested.
- **We love our teachers!** Let's support our teachers by stocking their classrooms to help them finish the year strong. We will be collecting items for **Woodbridge and Adams Elementary schools** from now until **February 23**. Be sure to grab a list of needed items on your way out today.
- Thank you for loving people to life! Grace raised **\$1,650.00** over the past few weeks for **Positive Options**.



The Real Jesus... Triumphal Entry

John 11:55-57, ⁵⁵ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. ⁵⁶ They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the festival at all?" ⁵⁷ But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest him.

John 12: 1, Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

John 12:9-15,⁹ Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him. **Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**, ¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

Zechariah 9:9, Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Isaiah 62:11, The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'"

John 12:16-19, ¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. ¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

People that truly _____ in _____ tell others about _____.

Luke 19:36-46, ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

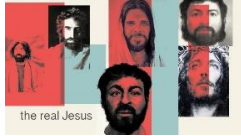
Life Application

Examine your life.

Are you following Jesus because you want something from him (salvation, help, a good life, etc.)?

OR

Are you following Jesus because you want to give him 100% of you (your life, wealth, career, love)?
Be honest. Share with a close friend of yours or in your small group, where are you at in reality.



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The Real Jesus: Triumphal Entry

1. As we near the end of the life of Jesus, we are seeing Jesus being radically real with people. Why do you think Jesus was so intense?
2. Jesus understood there is a real place called heaven and a real place called hell, His mission was to make disciples to build God's kingdom. Is our mission different?

READ: John 11:55-57

3. Why were they so afraid of the message Jesus taught?

READ: John 12: 1 & 9-15

4. Some people really didn't like Jesus. Others clearly loved him (at this point in time), do you see this as any different from today?
5. Do you give much thought to prophecy?

READ: Zechariah 9:9 & Isaiah 62:11

6. The Old Testament has **OVER 300** prophecies that Jesus fulfilled through His life, death and resurrection. Pastor Adam, gave us some interesting statistics:

person fulfilling 8 prophecies: 1 in

100,000,000,000,000,000

person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1 chance in 10

to the 157th power

person fulfilling 300+ prophecies: Impossible or miraculous

Discuss this with the following definition in mind: Miracle: a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.

7. When you are in the midst of great things happening often you cannot see it. Often, we only see clearly as we look back, why?

READ: John 12:16-19

8. Everyone was spreading the word! What are you doing to spread the word of Jesus?
9. There is no category of TRUE believer in Jesus who does not share Jesus! Does this bother you? Discuss this.

A Quote from Pastor Adam...Here you sit knowing FAR more about Jesus than these people did. These people (who did not know Jesus was going to raise himself from the death and PROVE he was God) were spreading his message. What are you doing to spread the good news of Jesus? Are you doing anything to spread the good news of Jesus? Do you talk about Jesus to your friends, neighbors, co-works, family, and those that do not know Jesus? Because here is the point: People that truly believe in Jesus tell others about Jesus.

READ: Luke 19:36-39

1. Where do you see similar attitudes today?

READ: Luke 19:40-44

2. How does Jesus respond?
3. There were many who followed Jesus because they hoped that He would bring Israel back to power over Rome. These are the very people who hailed Him as King with their praises on that day. Sadly, they will be the same people who call for Jesus' death when He fails to meet their expectations. How does this apply to today?
4. The story of the triumphal entry is one of contrasts, and those contrasts contain applications to ALL believers. How?
5. Jesus came not to conquer by love, grace, mercy, and His own sacrifice for His people. His is a kingdom of lowliness and servanthood. Would we be different from the people then? Would we have wanted a leader like Jesus?
6. If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love. As His followers, we exhibit those same qualities, and the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in us.

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