

The Passion of the Christ--1

Service 4/7/24

Acts 1: 1-3

Passion—3958—the opposite of free action, committed action...whatever it takes. To have passion for something is to suffer for or to experience whatever suffering is needed for the commitment.

John 20: 30-31 who is this Jesus?

1. Christ
2. Son of God
3. Emmanuel—God with us!
4. Jesus –Savior
5. Carpenter’s son---Builder

Leading up to the Cross:

- Communion---Eat and drink, eat body, drink blood, why?—Bethlehem (house of Bread) (John 6 Bread that came down from the heavens!
- Garden---why a garden?
 1. Garden of Eden (Paradise)
 2. Garden of Gethsemane (Press)
 3. Garden Tomb—John

John 19: 41 “Now the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never a man laid. There laid they Jesus thereof, because of the Jews’ preparation day; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand.”

Why the Garden:

1. It’s where the trees are planted!
 2. It is where fruit is hanging.
 3. It is where planting takes place and miracles happen in the ground, bringing new life, new fruit, and new blessings.
- The Garden of Eden –The place where paradise became problems!
 - The Fruit of Eden’s one tree (Knowledge of Good and Evil) would bring death, if eaten! / The fruit of the Garden tomb if eaten, would bring life!
 - The Grave was created in Eden/ The Grave was conquered in this Garden!
 - Death came by unbelief in what the fruit of this tree would do/ Life comes by belief in what this tree’s fruit can do!
 - The Fruit of Eden did not affect you if you did not eat it/ The Fruit of This Garden would not correct you if you do not eat of it.
 - One Tree in the Garden of Eden brought Death to the eater/ One Tree in this Garden brings life to the eater!

Why these Characters?

Judas---Holding fast to the earthly treasures. Kissed Jesus and wishing Him well. Sold Jesus for 30 pieces of Silver (not gold) and in this act purchased a field with holes in it!

But why did Judas Betray? We all can see ourselves in Judas!

Peter—Committed, but not sold out, Saved but not Converted! Luke 22: 32 “...and when thou art converted, strengthen the brethren.” **Converted---** **1994---****to turn towards!**

We all see ourselves in Peter...Still hanging on to this world!

Pilate—searching for answers--- (What is Truth?) washing hands before the world, trying not to have to make a decision!

Barabbas---son of the Father- a picture of mankind. He is a picture of the replacing of man's suffering for his sins and Jesus taking them and dying in his place! **Guilty**

Simon Cyrenian---**carried the Cross** --Why is this man in this picture? Matt. 27: 32

Jesus will die on the cross for mankind but it is the average man that will carry the cross for Jesus.

Matthew 16: 21-24 read.....

Cross—4716---Stauros from 2476 to stand! A cross is a stake of execution/ a symbol of death! One who is willing to take the cross is one who is willing to suffer for the calling of God on His life!