

REMINDERS:

- Invite cards for Easter – Good Friday & Easter Sunday
- Band plays softly until I read my text
- Pass out Offering Envelopes for Resurrection Seed Offering! (Talk About It)

**I. IS THERE ANYONE HERE TODAY WHO HAS EVER PLAYED WHACK A MOLE?**

A. Well, I feel a bit like that today —

B. **First**, today I must inspire you to get the most people we've had in 2 years to sign up & be baptized in *Jesus' Name* this Friday Night —

**Second**, I must raise the largest Resurrection Seed Offering in the history of the COC — &

**Third**, I must (it is imperative) through the power of the *Holy Spirit*, convince some of you to get saved today, you who might have come simply b/c someone wouldn't stop inviting you —

1. But, I promised them that if they'd bring you - I'd do everything within me to get you saved —

C. **THE RESURRECTION SEED OFFERING**

is an Offering Event we started last year at COC — it's our opportunity to push big & hard against the *darkness of Gomorrah* with our finances.

1. **While we don't** merchandise the gospel, I think we should all know it takes lots of money to effectively meet the needs of the lost, hurting, & dying members of our community —

D. Today you have the opportunity to plant a **Resurrection Seed for a bountiful harvest.**

1. Part of my vision for this offering is Heritage Preparatory School, Our After School Programs, our Clinic, & our Evangelism Teams, not to mention the need to resurface our parking lot.

2. Just this past week, **Disney** demanded the repeal of the **New Parental Rights in Education Law** —

a. A **Florida Law** which **opposes** teaching Kindergartners through 3rd Graders about **"Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity"** in a manner that is not age-appropriate —

b. **Disney** opposes this law because its producers declare, **"we're adding queerness wherever we can in our content."**

3. **Ladies & Gentlemen**, now more than ever-before, we should be fully devoted to, & fully invested in, *reaching lost people for God* —

E. We are living in **Unprecedented Times** —

1. And far too many of us feel trapped in the Machinations of an Evil Beast whose Steeled Jaws seem to be closing in on all things pure & right; holy & righteous —

2. For the **Lost Man or Woman**, this Life is too dear to spend it haphazardly —

- a. Life is too rare to demean it by living on cheap thrills & a plebeian existence —
- b. To do so is to make the choice to live in the Unrelenting Horrors of the Never-Ending Torments of Hell —
- i. Hell is that place of total, conscious, eternal separation from God —
- ii. It's the one place eternity is present after death without the Spirit of God —
- c. Hell is Sheol — t/ invisible world of the dead who never die in the 2<sup>nd</sup> death —
- d. Hell is a place of agony in flames, but the burning is never consumed —
- e. Hell is described as a place of:
- i. utter darkness,
  - ii. gnashing of teeth,
  - iii. fire that will not be quenched, &
  - iv. eternal separation from God!
- F. You might ask, "Pastor, what do the Horrors of Hell have to do with the Triumphal Entry of Jesus..."

G. Palm Sunday — the **Day of His Passion** is representative of that historic **Day** when **Jesus** entered *Jerusalem* with a **Triumphal Procession** —

H. *Matthew's* Gospel declares, "4 *All of this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,* 5 *Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes unto you, meek, & sitting upon a donkey, & a colt the foal of a donkey.* 6 *And the disciples went & did as Jesus commanded them.* 7 *And brought the donkey, & the colt, & put them on their clothes, & they sat Him thereon.* 8 *And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, & strew them in the way.* 9 *And the multitude that went before, & those who followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna*

***in the highest!***

**Matt. 21:4-9**

1. **Matthew 21** is a citation of **Zechariah 9:9**, who prophesied, ***"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, & having salvation; lowly, & riding upon a donkey, & upon a colt the foal of a donkey."***

J. **John** would write of **Jesus'** Triumphant Entry, ***"Took branches of palm trees, & went forth to meet Him, & cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the Name of the Lord."*** **John 12:13**

1. **John** quotes **Psalm 118:25-26**, which says, ***"Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord: We have blessed You out of the House of the Lord."***

**Psa. 118:25-26**

2. John would go on to write, **"Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, your King cometh sitting on a donkey's colt."** John 12:15 which is a citation of Zechariah 9:9

K. You do understand that the crowd that had been with **Him** when **He** called Lazarus from the tomb, **raising him from the dead**, was there that day giving eyewitness accounts —

1. It was because they had spread the word of His latest God-sign (miracle) that the crowd swelled to a welcoming parade —

2. They were shouting **Hosanna** to:

### Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament

PROPHECY	O.T. REFERENCES	N.T. FULFILLMENT
Seed of the woman	Gen. 3:15	Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14
Through Noah's sons	Gen. 9:27	Luke 6:36
Seed of Abraham	Gen. 12:3	Matt. 1:1; Gal. 3:8, 16
Seed of Isaac	Gen. 17:19	Rom. 9:7; Heb. 11:18
Blessing to nations	Gen. 18:18	Gal. 3:8
Seed of Isaac	Gen. 21:12	Rom. 9:7; Heb. 11:18
Blessing to Gentiles	Gen. 22:18	Gal. 3:8, 16; Heb. 6:14

<b>Blessing to Gentiles</b>	Gen. 26:4	Gal. 3:8, 16; Heb. 6:14
<b>Blessing through Abraham</b>	Gen. 28:14	Gal. 3:8, 16; Heb. 6:14
<b>Of the tribe of Judah</b>	Gen. 49:10	Rev. 5:5
<b>No bone broken</b>	Ex. 12:46	John 19:36
<b>Blessing to firstborn son</b>	Ex. 13:2	Luke 2:23
<b>No bone broken</b>	Num. 9:12	John 19:36
<b>Serpent in wilderness</b>	Num. 21:8–9	John 3:14–15
<b>A star out of Jacob</b>	Num. 24:17–19	Matt. 2:2; Luke 1:33, 78; Rev. 22:16
<b>As a prophet</b>	Deut. 18:15, 18–19	John 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22–23
<b>Cursed on the tree</b>	Deut. 21:23	Gal. 3:13
<b>The throne of David established forever</b>	2 Sam. 7:12–13, 16, 25–26 1 Chron. 17:11–14, 23–27 2 Chron. 21:7	Matt. 19:28; 21:4; 25:31; Mark 12:37; Luke 1:32; John 7:4; Acts 2:30; 13:23 Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8 Heb. 1:5, 8; 8:1; 12:2; Rev. 22:1
<b>A promised Redeemer</b>	Job 19:25–27	John 5:28–29; Gal. 4:4; Eph. 1:7, 11, 14
<b>Declared to be the Son of God</b>	Ps. 2:1–12	Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Acts 4:25–26; 13:33; Heb. 1:5; 5:5; Rev. 2:26–27; 19:15–16
<b>His resurrection</b>	Ps. 16:8–10	Acts 2:27; 13:35; 26:23
<b>Hands and feet pierced</b>	Ps. 22:1–31	Matt. 27:31, 35–36
<b>Mocked and insulted</b>	Ps. 22:7–8	Matt. 27:39–43, 45–49
<b>Soldiers cast lots for coat</b>	Ps. 22:18	Mark 15:20, 24–25, 34; Luke 19:24; 23:35; John 19:15–18, 23–24, 34; Acts 2:23–24
<b>Accused by false witnesses</b>	Ps. 27:12	Matt. 26:60–61
<b>He commits his spirit</b>	Ps. 31:5	Luke 23:46
<b>No bone broken</b>	Ps. 34:20	John 19:36



<b>Accused by false witnesses</b>	Ps. 35:11	Matt. 26:59–61; Mark 14:57–58
<b>Hated without reason</b>	Ps. 35:19	John 15:24–25
<b>Friends stand afar off</b>	Ps. 38:11	Matt. 27:55; Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49
<b>“I come to do Thy will”</b>	Ps. 40:6–8	Heb. 10:5–9
<b>Betrayed by a friend</b>	Ps. 41:9	Matt. 26:14–16, 47, 50; Mark 14:17–21; Luke 22:19–23; John 13:18–19
<b>Known for righteousness</b>	Ps. 45:2, 6–7	Heb. 1:8–9
<b>His resurrection</b>	Ps. 49:15	Mark 16:6
<b>Betrayed by a friend</b>	Ps. 55:12–14	John 13:18
<b>His ascension</b>	Ps. 68:18	Eph. 4:8
<b>Hated without reason</b>	Ps. 69:4	John 15:25
<b>Stung by reproaches</b>	Ps. 69:9	John 2:17; Rom. 15:3
<b>Given gall and vinegar</b>	Ps. 69:21	Matt. 27:34, 48; Mark 15:23; Luke 23:36; John 19:29
<b>Exalted by God</b>	Ps. 72:1–19	Matt. 2:2; Phil. 2:9–11; Heb. 1–8
<b>He speaks in parables</b>	Ps. 78:2	Matt. 13:34–25:34
<b>Seed of David exalted</b>	Ps. 89:3–4, 19, 27–29, 35–37	Luke 1:32; Acts 2:30; 13:23; Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8
<b>Son of Man comes in glory</b>	Ps. 102:16	Luke 21:24, 27; Rev. 12:5–10
<b>“Thou remainest”</b>	Ps. 102:24–27	Heb. 1:10–12
<b>Prays for his enemies</b>	Ps. 109:4	Luke 23:34
<b>Another to succeed Judas</b>	Ps. 109:7–8	Acts 1:16–20
<b>A priest like Melchizedek</b>	Ps. 110:1–7	Matt. 22:41–45; 26:64; Mark 12:35–37; 16:19; Acts 7:56; Eph. 1:20; Col. 1:20; Heb. 1:13; 2:8; 5:6; 6:20; 7:21; 8:1; 10:11–13; 12:2

<b>The Chief Cornerstone</b>	Ps. 118:22–23	Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10, 11; Luke 20:17; John 1:11; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:4
<b>The King comes in the Name of the Lord</b>	Ps. 118:26	Matt. 21:9; 23:39; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38; John 12:13
<b>David's seed to reign</b>	Ps. 132:11 cf. 2 Sam. 7:12–13, 16, 25–26, 29	Matt. 1:1
<b>Declared to be the Son of God</b>	Prov. 30:4	Matt. 3:17; Mark 14:61–62; Luke 1:35; John 3:13; 9:35– 38; 11:21; Rom. 1:2–4; 10:6–9; 2 Pet. 1:17
<b>Repentance for the nations</b>	Isa. 2:2–4	Luke 24:47
<b>Hearts are hardened</b>	Isa. 6:9–10	Matt. 13:14, 15; John 12:39, 40; Acts 28:25–27
<b>Born of a virgin</b>	Isa. 7:14	Matt. 1:22, 23
<b>A rock of offense</b>	Isa. 8:14, 15	Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet. 2:8
<b>Light out of darkness</b>	Isa. 9:1, 2	Matt. 4:14–16; Luke 2:32
<b>God with us</b>	Isa. 9:6, 7	Matt. 1:21, 23; Luke 1:32, 33; John 8:58; 10:30; 14:19; 2 Cor. 5:19; Col. 2:9
<b>Full of wisdom and power</b>	Isa. 11:1–10	Matt. 3:16; John 3:34; Rom. 15:12; Heb. 1:9
<b>Reigning in mercy</b>	Isa. 16:4–5	Luke 1:31–33
<b>Peg in a sure place</b>	Isa. 22:21–25	Rev. 3:7
<b>Death swallowed up in victory</b>	Isa. 25:6–12	1 Cor. 15:54
<b>A stone in Zion</b>	Isa. 28:16	Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet. 2:6
<b>The deaf hear, the blind see</b>	Isa. 29:18–19	Matt. 5:3; 11:5; John 9:39
<b>King of kings, Lord of lords</b>	Isa. 32:1–4	Rev. 19:16; 20:6
<b>Son of the Highest</b>	Isa. 33:22	Luke 1:32; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15

<b>Healing for the needy</b>	Isa. 35:4–10	Matt. 9:30; 11:5; 12:22; 20:34; 21:14; Mark 7:30; John 5:9
<b>Make ready the way of the Lord</b>	Isa. 40:3–5	Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4–5; John 1:23
<b>The Shepherd dies for his sheep</b>	Isa. 40:10–11	John 10:11; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:24–25
<b>The meek Servant</b>	Isa. 42:1–16	Matt. 12:17–21; Luke 2:32
<b>A light to the Gentiles</b>	Isa. 49:6–12	Acts 13:47; 2 Cor. 6:2
<b>Scourged and spat upon</b>	Isa. 50:6	Matt. 26:67; 27:26, 30; Mark 14:65; 15:15, 19; Luke 22:63–65; John 19:1
<b>Rejected by his people</b>	Isa. 52:13–53:12	Matt. 8:17; 27:1–2, 12–14, 38
<b>Suffered vicariously</b>	Isa. 53:4–5	Mark 15:3–4, 27–28; Luke 23:1–25, 32–34
<b>Silent when accused</b>	Isa. 53:7	John 1:29; 11:49–52
<b>Crucified with transgressors</b>	Isa. 53:12	John 12:37–38; Acts 8:28–35
<b>Buried with the rich</b>	Isa. 53:9	Acts 10:43; 13:38–39; 1 Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 2:21–25; 1 John 1:7, 9
<b>Calling of those not a people</b>	Isa. 55:4, 5	John 18:37; Rom. 9:25–26; Rev. 1:5
<b>Deliver out of Zion</b>	Isa. 59:16–20	Rom. 11:26–2
<b>Nations walk in the light</b>	Isa. 60:1–3	Luke 2:32
<b>Anointed to preach liberty</b>	Isa. 60:1–2	Luke 4:17–19; Acts 10:38
<b>Called by a new name</b>	Isa. 62:11	Luke 2:32; Rev. 3:12
<b>The King cometh</b>	Isa. 62:11	Matt. 21:5
<b>A vesture dipped in blood</b>	Isa. 63:1–3	Rev. 19:13
<b>Afflicted with the afflicted.</b>	Isa. 63:8–9	Matt. 25:34–40
<b>The elect shall inherit</b>	Isa. 65:9	Rom. 11:5, 7; Heb. 7:14; Rev. 5:5

<b>New heavens and a new earth</b>	Isa. 65:17–25	2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1
<b>The Lord our righteousness</b>	Jer. 23:5, 6	John 2:19–21; Rom. 1:3–4; Eph. 2:20–21; 1 Pet. 2:5
<b>Born a King</b>	Jer. 30:9	John 18:37; Rev. 1:5
<b>Massacre of infants</b>	Jer. 31:15	Matt. 2:17–18
<b>Conceived by the Holy Spirit</b>	Jer. 31:22	Matt. 1:20; Luke 1:35
<b>A New Covenant</b>	Jer. 31:31–34	Matt. 26:27–29; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:15–20; 1 Cor. 11:25; Heb. 8:8–12; 10:15–17; 12:24; 13:20
<b>A spiritual house</b>	Jer. 33:15–17	John 2:19–21; Eph. 2:20–21; 1 Pet. 2:5
<b>A tree planted by God</b>	Ezek. 17:22–24	Matt. 13:31–32
<b>The humble exalted</b>	Ezek. 21:26–27	Luke 1:52
<b>The good Shepherd</b>	Ezek. 34:23–24	John 10:11
<b>Stone cut without hands</b>	Dan. 2:34–35	Acts 4:10–12
<b>His kingdom triumphant</b>	Dan. 2:44–45	Luke 1:33; 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 11:15
<b>An everlasting dominion</b>	Dan. 7:13–14	Matt. 24:30; 25:31; 26:64; Mark 14:61, 62; Acts 1:9–11; Rev. 1:7
<b>Kingdom for the saints</b>	Dan. 7:27	Luke 1:33; 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 11:15
<b>Time of His birth</b>	Dan. 9:24–27	Matt. 24:15–21; Luke 3:1
<b>Israel restored</b>	Hos. 3:5	John 18:37; Rom. 11:25–27
<b>Flight into Egypt</b>	Hos. 11:1	Matt. 2:15
<b>Promise of the Spirit</b>	Joel 2:28–32	Acts 2:17–21; Rom. 15:13
<b>The sun darkened</b>	Amos 8:9	Matt. 24:29; Acts 2:20; Rev. 6:12
<b>Restoration of tabernacle</b>	Amos 9:11–12	Acts 15:16–18

<b>Israel regathered</b>	Mic. 2:12–13	John 10:14, 26
<b>The Kingdom established</b>	Mic. 4:1–8	Luke 1:33
<b>Born in Bethlehem</b>	Mic. 5:1–5	Matt. 2:1; Luke 2:4, 10–11
<b>Earth filled with knowledge of the glory of the Lord</b>	Hab. 2:14	Rom. 11:26; Rev. 21:23–26
<b>The Lamb on the throne</b>	Zech. 2:10–13	Rev. 5:13; 6:9; 21:24; 22:1–5
<b>A holy priesthood</b>	Zech. 3:8	John 2:19–21; Eph. 2:20–21; 1 Pet. 2:5
<b>A heavenly High Priest</b>	Zech. 6:12–13	Heb. 4:4; 8:1–2
<b>Triumphal entry</b>	Zech. 9:9–10	Matt. 21:4–5; Mark 11:9–10; Luke 20:38; John 12:13–15
<b>Sold for pieces of silver</b>	Zech. 11:12–13	Matt. 26:14–15
<b>Money buys potter's field</b>	Zech. 11:12–13	Matt. 27:9
<b>Piercing of his body</b>	Zech. 12:10	John 19:34, 37
<b>Shepherd smitten—sheep scattered</b>	Zech. 13:1, 6–7	Matt. 26:31; John 16:32
<b>Preceded by Forerunner</b>	Mal. 3:1	Matt. 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:27
<b>Our sins purged</b>	Mal. 3:3	Heb. 1:3
<b>The light of the world</b>	Mal. 4:2–3	Luke 1:78; John 1:9; 12:46; 2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 2:28; 19:11–16; 22:16
<b>The coming of Elijah</b>	Mal. 4:5–6	Matt. 11:14; 17:10–12 <sup>1</sup>

## II. SO HOW COULD THE MULTITUDE SCREAM 'HOSANNA' ON THE FIRST DAY OF HIS PASSION & SHOUT 'CRUCIFY HIM' 4 DAYS LATER? —

A. So many people had gathered to welcome **Him**, to crown **Him King**, to cry aloud **His Name** —

1. But **Jesus** would say, *"And you are clean, though not every one of you. For He knew who was going to betray Him, & that was why He said not every one was clean."* John 13:10-11NIV

B. **Judas** had come to the conclusion that **Jesus** was a foolish, foolish **Man** —

1. **Judas** had come to believe that the Processional of Triumph that so many had attended proved now that Jesus was the **betrayed** — the Traitor —

2. **Judas** had been watching **Jesus** for weeks with a critical eye — hoping that He would turn —

3. **Judas** believed he was the only one of the 12 who fully realized how much **Jesus** was casting aside — ***all of His potential.***
4. **Judas** was bewildered — having seen the multitude not only willing to crown **Him** King, but they worshipped **Him** when **He** "***fed them with loaves and fishes.***"
  - a. The people stood then, ready to crown **Him** then as well. **But, no.**
  - b. **He** ***sent them away*** —
  - c. And how did **He** respond to the crowds this time—to the excellent opportunity to seize the moment & realize **His** destiny?
    - i. No, instead **He** entered the temple & ***fashioned a whip to drive out the money changers*** — respected businessmen who had long established themselves as efficient tradesmen, enabling common men to buy worship merchandise at a substantial discount.

- d. **Judas** concluded by his own observation, that **Jesus** had no intention of assuming the crown. **He** had no intention of ruling.
5. **Judas** thought he had it all figured out — because he was looking through the optics of a man seeking the *promised **Messiah-King*** —
6. From **Judas'** perspective — **Jesus** was the **Traitor** to **God's Purpose** because instead of desiring the **Throne of David in Jerusalem**, **He** spoke of **being rejected & killed in Jerusalem** —
- C. In the **Colonnade of Praise** — in the **Atrium of Adoration** — there will always be the Perspective of those who seek a **Scepter** & a **Crown** —
- D. But **Jesus** would **not** ride into *Jerusalem* as a **Conquering King** before **He** would ride in as a **Lamb to be slain** —



- E. **John** said, **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."** John 1:29
- F. Before **Jesus** could be **crowned King He must be taken as The Lamb** —
- G. In Exodus 12, **"Moses declares to all of the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for every house."** **Exod. 12:3**
- H. **Moses**, when writing about the ailment of **tzar'at**, he writes the **Metzora** —
1. **Tzar'at** we are told was an affliction that was brought upon its victim by lashon hara - literally **"evil tongue,"**
  2. It's what we commonly refer to as **gossip, slander, or simply words spoken with intent to harm another person.** —
  3. **Tzar'at was self-inflicted.**

4. You see, the person who employees **lashon hara** intends to isolate their victim in a Chamber of Shame by speaking their opinion & perspective to the harm of another — (Judas would hang from his own condemnation)
5. This all sounds so primitive & benighted to our modern minds —
6. And yet, **God** clearly gives instruction to the **Afflicted** by explaining to them their path forward toward recovery —
7. After the *Priest* would inspect the **Offender**, the *sinner* was instructed to be immersed in a ritual bath & then instructed to bring their **offerings** to the Holy Temple.
8. Anyone who suffered from **tzar'at** emerged from their affliction knowing that they have not only returned to physical health, but that they have been spiritually cleansed, having purged their souls of the transgression that brought upon the tzar'at in the first place.

9. And not only are they allowed to reenter society, they are privileged to appear again before **God** with **offerings** that **God** will gladly accept - a **"sweet savor"** to God!

10. The sufferer of **tzar'at** emerges from his or her ordeal in a far better place than they were in before — because they each have taken **THE LAMB** —

11. This hallowed day (*Shabbat* [Sabbath]), the *Shabbat* before the upcoming Passover holiday, is called *Shabbat HaGadol* - the Great Sabbath.

a. Why has this *Shabbat* earned this name? What makes this *Shabbat* great?

b. Because a great miracle occurred on this *Shabbat* — the miracle of when **Israel was in Egypt**, on the eve of the **exodus**, they were commanded by **God** **"On the tenth of this month, let each one take a lamb for each parental home, a lamb for each household."**

**Exodus 12:3**