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The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

Commentary from a common Terry *So what happened next?*

I've had to wait for something, sometimes for a long time (at least it seemed like a long time). The anticipation and the excitement (or fear) can be intense.

Put a wedding date out there and let the fun begin! We're counting days, hours, minutes. It seems forever away...until it isn't.

When we're kids, it's the next birthday or Christmas. It's the next grade or the next summer. It's wanting to get a driver's license and wanting to get past high school graduation. It's the big game that can't get here soon enough and the big date that didn't seem would ever happen.

The flipside? It's the root canal at the dentist or the tests to figure out some kind of potential health problem. It's being told, "Wait until your dad gets home," or knowing there's trouble coming tomorrow for something you did yesterday. The waiting can be torture.

Waiting can bring us close to uncontrolled shivers of excitement or indescribable waves of misery and dread. It depends on what we're waiting for, how long we've been waiting, and the answer to the inevitable question—"What's in it for me?"

But, there's waiting...and then there's *waiting*. There's a wait that can go for so long and be so elusive that its fulfillment becomes about as realistic as being able to grab the smoke from a smoldering fireplace. It's been so evasive and the promise of its arrival as gone undelivered for so long that it's more of a fairy tale than a hope.

Did the Jews feel this way? They had waited for the Messiah for so long! The promised Deliverer promised hadn't been a fulfilled promise. Anticipatory hope became less-than-enthusiastic reminders that became wishful thinking that became, well, maybe a roll of the eyes and a dismissive, "*Shyhiye!*" That's a Hebrew way of saying, "*Whatever!*"

But, as Passover week approached the nation nearly two thousand years ago, there was a change floating in the air, something that you could nearly feel. And it all had to do with *Him*. The Jews who had traveled to Jerusalem that week kept an eye on the landscape outside the walls and checked everyone who came in through

the city gate. *They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? That He will not come to the feast at all?"* (John 11:56)

The next verse in John's gospel showed that while many were exhilarated by the idea of the amazing Rabbi from Nazareth showing up, the leaders were not. They planned, as soon as they received word he had arrived, to arrest Him.

The people, the nation, the land itself, it seemed, were waiting for Him. They just knew that their Salvation would be coming on the sandaled feet of Jesus. And He did not disappoint, arriving on a donkey, not a symbol of embarrassment, but a way of arrival for someone important coming in peace. It has been called Palm Sunday throughout the ages as if people calmly laid their palm branches and coats on the ground as he passed.

I don't think so.

It wasn't entirely chaos, but it was close to group hysteria as he entered the city. Could it be? The wait is over? Is it the Messiah?

HOSANNA! Oh, save! Save now! It's a word that was transliterated from the Hebrew to the Greek. From *hoshiana* to *Hosanna!* And then transliterated from the Greek to our English language. A brand new word! A wonderful word.

Shouted! Screamed! Over and over! Matthew (who had a front row seat), wrote that the "...whole city was stirred up." (Matthew 21:10) Everyone wondered who had just arrived. It was Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. The response was so massive that the Pharisees, terrified of His arrival and the crowds, said, "**Look, the whole world has gone after Him.**" (John 12:19)

The problem? These people wanted the Messiah on their terms, not His. By the end of the week, the same city would demand His execution. He would have to be rejected one more time before finally become the true Messiah. His way. His time. His plan.

We wait for God. We anticipate God. We can hardly stand the delay to see God do what we *know* He should do.

He will. And it'll be His way in His time.

Love one another,

Congregational meal this evening

We'll share a congregational potluck meal this evening. We'll begin at 5:30. We hope you'll join us. It's potluck, so bring whatever you want—main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts.

Some Christians try to go to heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are not compared to bears or lions or other animals that wander alone. Those that belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to get together. Sheep go in flocks, and so do God's people.

~~Charles Spurgeon~~

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible.** You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

Fellowship room adult class study

Tom and Margy are currently out of town. He will resume his study of the book of John in April. During that break, Randy is teaching a three-week class on the book of Philippians. Today will be the second of three installments.

Today's Order of Worship

Thy Word

Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You

Lord, Take Control

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Be With Me Lord

Prayer

Come, Share the Lord

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

Bind Us Together

Mighty God

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 118:19-25

Sermon

The Invasion: "Hosanna!"

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Unison Reading:

Matthew 21:9

Higher Ground

The MSCH spring food drive is underway

Details for the spring food drive for the Mountain States Children's Home are on the counter in the lobby. There is a list of specific needs, both food items and non-food items. There is also a list of items that MSCH *does not* need. You can leave your donation in the lobby in the collection bin just inside the front doors. Or, if you want, you can donate a gift card from Walmart, King Sooper, Safeway, etc. You can leave that card with Terry. This drive goes through Sunday, April 26th.

Brush Ladies' Day on Saturday, April 11th

The Brush Church of Christ will host a *Ladies' Day* on Saturday, April 11th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. and lunch will also be provided. The theme for the day is **Joy**. The guest speaker is Kelli Hughett. There is a poster in the lobby with all these details as well as a QR Code you can scan to register. There is also a phone number you can call to register.

Serenity & Natalie & Charlee are all in the University school production of *James and the Giant Peach*. There are three performances—April 10th & 11th at 7:00 p.m. and April 12th at 2:00 p.m. Check with the girls or the McCrains for details and ticket info.

The Kitchen will **NOT** be open this Wednesday. It will next be open on Wednesday, April 8th, preparing food and delivering it to the homeless.

Servers for Worship today (29th)

Scripture Reading Taylor Hegarty
Prayer Greg Hammer

Doug Blount (communion prayers)
Tom Lininger (contribution prayers)
Tyler Blount
Zachary Blount
Ken Clark
Dan Esposito



The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries:

3/25 – Graham Newton (last week)
3/30 – Steven Locke
3/31 – Bina Sanchez
4/1 – Jason Burroughs

The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

The April Daily Bible Reading plan is in the lobby.

Registration for camp (NCCC) is now open.

Go to: www.meadowlarkchurch.org

Click on ministries.

Click on the camp link.

Click on the "register here!" link.

Check with Terry for more info.

The Wednesday night Bible study group meets each week at 6:30 in the fellowship room. All are invited to join us. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

*Fellowship is a place of grace, where mistakes aren't rubbed in but rubbed out.
Fellowship happens when mercy wins over justice.*

~~Rick Warren~~

Normal schedule on Easter Sunday

Next Sunday, April 5th, is Resurrection Sunday. We will follow our normal Sunday morning schedule, beginning worship at 9:15. We will also have our normal class time. We look forward to the celebration of the empty tomb!



Prayer reminders

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.