

## GO Part 2 (Palm Sunday)

“Go Prepare”

### **GO has always been our part of God’s plan.**

- We come to Christ but take Him with us everywhere we go!
- Our relationship with Jesus is private but it is equally public. God is with us, for us, and in us!

#### **Acts 17:28 (NIV)**

*For in him we live and move and have our being.*

#### **2 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB)**

*But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us reveals the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place.*

#### PREPARE:

- God used the priests, prophets, judges, and kings to prepare for Jesus to come. Then He uses Mary and Joseph and John the Baptist. “A voice calling on the desert. ‘Prepare the way of the Lord?’”
- Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding a donkey that the disciples prepared. The road he traveled was prepared with palm branches. In those times, a group prepared the road by removing stones and filling holes.

#### **Matthew 26:17-19; 26-30 (NIV)**

*<sup>17</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”<sup>18</sup> He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”<sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.*

*<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the<sup>[b]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

- First the disciples prepare Jesus’ ride (Uber) and now they prepare His object lesson.
- The meal is set. Look closely at what Jesus does in this moment.

*In Jewish culture when a man was ready to marry his bride, he would present to the father of the bride something called the mohar (Bridal Payment.)*

### **The Mohar: What the groom was willing to pay to get her hand in marriage.**

*When the son and father agreed on what she was worth, they would pour wine into a cup. The moment the man and women drank the wine, they were engaged (in covenant with one another.)*

### **The Wine: Creates a new covenant, relational agreement.**

- HER: All of his rights and authority would be transferred to her. She would then spend the rest of the time preparing herself for the actual wedding day.
- HIM:
  - The groom would then leave and go back to His father's house to prepare a place for his bride to live.
  - He wasn't allowed to leave to get his bride until his father saw that the house was ready. The son didn't even know the time, only the father knew.
  - When the father said "go" it didn't matter the day or the hour, it was sometimes in the middle of the night.
- HER: She didn't know when he would be coming so she was told always be prepared for your husband to come.

### **Our job is to always be prepared.**

*Jesus takes this last supper moment, His last meal with His disciples and what does He do? He proposes.*

#### **Jesus is Proposing.**

*He sits them down at the table and takes out the Mohar, "what I'm willing to pay for my bride is my very own blood shed for her. What I'm willing to give to her is my body broken for her."*

This is why Jesus (or Paul) said:

*I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. **John 14:2b-3***

*No one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. **Mark 13:32***

*For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. **1 Thessalonians 5:2***

*For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and His bride has prepared herself. **Revelation 19:7***

RESPONSE:

1. So when we take communion, yes we are remembering the sacrifice but we are also renewing our vows. We are saying "I do, Jesus." I accept your proposal.
2. Commit to prepare the way for others this Easter.

**Matthew 28:18-19a (NIV)**

*<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go...*

**Our job is to always be preparing.**