



All Things New – Part 2 – Palm Sunday, a busy day.

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BIG IDEA – Jesus worked his heart out for us.

scripture focus - John 12:12-13 NLT The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!"

As we discussed last week, leading up to the week before **THE week**, Jesus spent time traveling and just being with good friends. Palm Sunday, and especially Passion Week, were so intense and filled with so much spiritual work. Jesus was constantly teaching on the streets and in the temple. That week Jesus worked his heart out to give them the truth!

Each day he and his friends would make the two-mile walk from Lazarus' home in Bethany, up to the temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus did not slow down the week before his mission, **his goal was to become the perfect sacrifice, the perfect substitute for my sins. Jesus was driven, compelled by love for us to complete the task before him.** But in the final days before the cross He did a ton of work in the city.

Each one of the gospel accounts are slightly different. **Each Spirit-filled journalist had their own reason and purpose for writing their account.** Remember Mark's gospel is from a Peter's experiences and perspective. So, when we see differences, it is not to be understood as an error, disproving their validity. Instead, it should be seen as a strength and truthfulness to what they experienced, instead of a carbon copy of each other.

What happens when Mission is given the proper urgency, that it needs?

Every business owner, every nonprofit leader, every entrepreneur knows the importance of URGENCY. If nothing is urgent, products don't ship, service isn't given, and ideas never leave the drawing board. No, urgency means that...

Things get done!

The Spirit of God moves at heaven's pace rather than human pace.

Jesus recognized that God is always at work. **Partnering with God, joining in His work can be exhausting but so rewarding.**

John 5:16-17 NLT So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. But Jesus replied, “**My Father is always working, and so am I.**”

Jesus said the word **work! érgon (from ergō, "to work, accomplish")** and it wasn't a part of the curse. **Work is not a curse!**

How does a child spell work?

P L A Y – and they are serious about it.

Maria Montessori, the founder of the Montessori Education Model, calls play the 'work of the child.' If you have ever watched a child play, you'll immediately recognize its work, and they **love it**.

The Apostle Paul certainly picked up on this theme of work when he wrote to the churches in Ephesus (Ephesians 2:10 NLT For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.)

As I read about Jesus' week, starting with Palm Sunday I see three themes consistent in his life and each one challenges me!

I see Jesus' urgency, priority, and mission.

Q: Since God is always at work, wouldn't it make sense that He invites us to join with Him?

Jesus did not allow setbacks, disappointments or even betrayal to throw Him off mission. Jesus, literally paused at the meal, told his friends what was going to happen, then encouraged Judas to get on with it.

Q: Is it possible that we are too easily thrown off mission because of similar circumstances?

Sunday

The urgency started on Palm Sunday, but it intensified throughout the week. What was the triumphant entry all about into Jerusalem all about? - a great crowd came to Bethany to see Jesus.

Matthew

Matthew gives some backstory and detail about how and why Jesus came into town. Matthew also lets the reader know that some clearly understood why they were cheering, but there were others that had no idea who Jesus was.

Matthew 21:1-11 NLT As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. **Jesus sent two of them on ahead. "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."** This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, **"Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.'"** The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. **Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.** Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!" **The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked. And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."**

Mark

Mark gives similar detail about the donkey but does not connect it to prophecy. He gives some context about the crowd but adds that Jesus went to the temple as well. What was Jesus doing?

Mark 11:1-11 NLT As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. **"Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.** If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'" The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it. **Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. Jesus was in the center of the**

procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!" So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Luke

Luke 19:28-44 NLT After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." **So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"** But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you."

John

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the dead, and they were telling others about it. That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There’s nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”

John 12:20-22 NLT Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. **They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.” Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.**

Monday

The next day Jesus entered Jerusalem visited the temple and returned to Bethany. It was Nisan 10, when the Passover lambs were selected. Likewise, the entry into Jerusalem was the day when Jesus presented himself as Israel’s Paschal Lamb.

Matthew 21:18-22 NLT In the morning, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, **he was hungry, and he noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” And immediately the fig tree withered up.** The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” Then Jesus told them, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don’t doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.”

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Luke 19:45-48 NLT Then **Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people selling animals for sacrifices. He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves.”** After that, **he taught daily in the Temple, but the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the other leaders of the people began planning how to kill him. But they could think of nothing, because all the people hung on every word he said.**

Tuesday

On the way from Bethany to Jerusalem, Jesus cursed [the fig tree](#), and in Jerusalem he challenged the temple practice of selling on the premises. Some religious

leaders began to plot ways to kill him. That evening Jesus left Jerusalem, presumably returning to Bethany.

[All about the fig tree](#)

Matthew 21:12-17 NLT Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David." But the leaders were indignant. They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" "Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'" Then he returned to Bethany, where he stayed overnight.

Mark 11:15-19 NLT When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, and he stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching. That evening Jesus and the disciples left the city.

Wednesday

On the way to Jerusalem, the disciples saw the withered fig tree. At the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus' authority and wisdom was questioned by some religious leaders. That afternoon Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and delivered his discourse to those assembled. Two additional things occurred on that day: 1. Jesus predicted that in two days he would be crucified at the time of the Passover; and 2. Judas planned the betrayal of Jesus with some religious leaders.

Wednesday of passion week reminds me of what Jesus said when healing the blind man in John 9:4-5, "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Because Jesus worked very hard to get as much as he could out of this day before the passover began.

Matthew 21:23-27 NLT When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to him. They demanded, "By what

authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?" "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied. "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?" They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask us why we didn't believe John. But if we say it was merely human, we'll be mobbed because the people believe John was a prophet." So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mark 11:20-25 NLT The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!" Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

Mark 11:27-33 NLT Again they entered Jerusalem. As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him. They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right to do them?" "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied. "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human? Answer me!" They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask why we didn't believe John. But do we dare say it was merely human?" For they were afraid of what the people would do, because everyone believed that John was a prophet. So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."

And many more teachings and discussions in the temple.

Jesus maintained his priority and focus on people! On bringing the truth of who he is, and what was going to take place to both the poor and the powerful. He was able to keep his head and heart clear, even while facing betrayal.

- Parable of the evil farmer
- Taxes for Caesar
- Discussion about resurrection
- The most important commandment
- Whose son is the Messiah.

- The widow's offering.
- Jesus speaks about the future.
- Parable of the ten bridesmaids.
- Parable of the three servants.
- The final judgment.

Judas sells Jesus out for 30 pieces of silver, the reimbursement for killing a slave.

Judas Seeks to Betray Jesus,

Jesus had already cleansed the temple, as He had done it on Monday morning, and they were eager to find some way by which they could lay their hands on Him privately. Nothing is said concerning how they bargained back and forth, but they agreed on thirty pieces of silver. The price was not high, as it was **the same as the fine for killing a slave accidentally** (cf. [Exodus 21:32](#)), but **Judas was all too willing to sell the King of kings for the price of a slave.** No doubt, the money was immediately weighed out to him, fulfilling [Zechariah 11:12](#) precisely, as Judas was not going to take the risk of betraying Christ and then going penniless. He knew all too well that if he did not carry out his bargain, the money would have to be returned, as the Jews could have had him arrested at any time. **Matthew records, "And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him" (26:16). The time was going to come earlier than even the chief priests had thought possible.**

Matthew 26:14-16 NLT Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, **"How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.**

Mark 14:10-11 NLT Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted when they heard why he had come, and **they promised to give him money.** So he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Luke's perspective is far darker than just a man desiring money!

Luke 22:3-6 NLT Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to **discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them.** They were delighted, and **they promised to give him money.** So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around.

Thursday

Jesus and his disciples prepared for the Passover, and they had their seder meal together. Jesus shared heartfelt words with his disciples and offered an

intercessory prayer in their behalf. They arrived at the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus suffered in agony awaiting what was to come. Later that night Jesus was betrayed and arrested.

All of the gospels mention the meal, Matthew, Mark and Luke write about the room and meal preparation. All of the gospels mention the betrayal.

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Matthew 26:17-30 NLT On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?" "As you go into the city," he told them, "you will see a certain man. Tell him, '**The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.**'" So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there. When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the Twelve. While they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one, Lord?" He replied, "One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!" Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Rabbi, am I the one?" And Jesus told him, "You have said it." As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom." Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14:12-26 NLT On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?" So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. In the evening Jesus arrived with the Twelve. As they were

at the table eating, **Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me." Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?" He replied, "It is one of you twelve who is eating from this bowl with me. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!"** As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God." Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Luke 22:7-30 NLT Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together." "Where do you want us to prepare it?" they asked him. He replied, "As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. **When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you. "But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray me. For it has been determined that the Son of Man must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays him." The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing.** Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among

you as one who serves. “You have stayed with me in my time of trial. And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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John 13:1-5 NLT

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and **the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.** Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

Jesus stayed focused and worked hard throughout the passion week. He maintained his urgency, priority, and mission.

I am honestly challenged by Jesus' grit and determination, to stay on mission. To continue to give out. **To continue, with steadfast patience and mercy even to those who were plotting to take his life.** It makes me wonder why it takes so little to throw me off or how easily I seem to trot off the trail of the purpose God has for my life and the mission he has given each of us who are determined to be followers of Jesus. Not just believers in Jesus, but folks who will pick up their cross and truly follow him!

NOTES

Scriptures

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Scriptures from Palm Sunday to Wednesday –

3. Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; John 12:1–8
4. John 12:9–11
5. John 12:12
6. Matthew 21:1–9; Mark 11:1–10; Luke 19:28–40; John 12:12–19
7. Matthew 21:10–11; Mark 11:11
8. Matthew 21:18–19; Mark 11:12–14
9. Matthew 21:12–13; Mark 11:15–17; Luke 19:45–46
10. Mark 11:18–19; Luke 19:47–48
11. Matthew 21:20–22; Mark 11:20–26
12. Matthew 21:23–23:39; Mark 11:27–12:44; Luke 20:1–21:4
13. Matthew 24:1–25:46; Mark 13:1–27; Luke 21:5–36
14. Matthew 26:1–5; Mark 14:1–2; Luke 22:1–2
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Explore Further!

Q: Is it possible that Jesus asking us to pick up our cross and follow him had more to do with mission than suffering?

Three of the gospels have Jesus telling his followers about picking up their own cross and following him! Matthew 16:24-26, Mark 34-38, Luke 9:23–25.

Mark has the cross speech right after the correction of Peter up at Caesarea Philippi. Telling Peter, “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “**You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.**” Mark 8:33 NLT

Mark 8:34-38 NLT Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, **take up your cross, and follow me.** If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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