

## BEYOND FIRST FOUNDATIONS 5B - RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

### I. HOLY WEEK - WHEN THE DISMANTLING OF SIN AND DEATH HAPPENED

- OUR SERIES ON *BEYOND FIRST FOUNDATIONS* IS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD THIS WEEK. IT HAPPENS TO COINCIDE WITH PALM SUNDAY AND RESURRECTION DAY.
- SINCE RESURRECTION IS ABOUT *BOTH LIFE AND DEATH* WE WILL TAKE TWO SUNDAYS TO TALK ABOUT THIS CATAclySMIC TRUTH
- HOLY WEEK IS THE CULMINATION OF GOD'S PLAN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD TO SAVE MANKIND FROM SIN AND DEATH. IT IS THE CHECKMATE DEVIL DIDN'T SEE COMING
- THESE EVENTS BEGAN WHEN JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE PASSOVER. IT CAME TO BE KNOWN AS PALM SUNDAY

#### A. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY IS A PROPHETIC DECLARATION of Kingdom

**John 12:12** *The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> took **branches of palm trees** and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "**Hosanna!** 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"*

- **PALM SUNDAY BEGINS THE COUNTDOWN TO RESURRECTION** JESUS ALWAYS AVOIDED THE SPOTLIGHT UNTIL HE DIDN'T. BECAUSE NOW WAS THE RIGHT TIME.
- THE CROWD WAS RIGHT TO HAIL HIM KING for all the wrong reasons
- IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME BUT NO ONE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WOULD BE A CROSS BEFORE THE THRONE

#### B. PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATES THE VICTORY BEFORE THE BATTLE - *IT'S HOW PROPHECY OFTEN WORKS - Praise before Breakthrough*

##### 1. MOMENTUM - JESUS THREW A MATCH ON A POWDER KEG

- Jesus had just raised Lazarus
- The Pharisees were afraid of losing their influence
- People wanted the Messiah and the Kingdom of Heaven to appear NOW (THIS IS IT!)

##### 2. PALM BRANCHES ARE A SYMBOL OF VICTORY - like a laurel wreath

- The **PALM BRANCH** Awarded to victorious athletes in Greece and Rome. **ADOPTED BY CHRISTIANS to represent the victory of MARTYRS, or the victory of the spirit over the flesh.**

3. **HOSANNA DEFINED** - *A phrase brought directly from the Hebrew to the Greek and then to English pretty much intact.*

- **HOSHIYA-NA** originally meant, “**Save, Please!**” Only one place in all of Old Testament where the phrase is used. **Ps. 118:25-26**

**Psalm 118:25** *Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.* <sup>26</sup>  
*Blessed is HE who comes in the name of the LORD!*

- **The meaning shifted from a plea for help to a CRY OF HOPE AND PRAISE** because it came to be associated with the **MESSIAH** and the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel
- **THE CROWD WENT WILD WHEN JESUS ENTERED ON A DONKEY** - He **intentionally** created the atmosphere for a **kingly celebration. JESUS RE-ENACTED AND FULFILLED ZECH 9:9**

**Zech. 9:9** *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! **Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.***

- **In the ANCIENT NEAR EAST, kings rode horses** when going to **war** but donkeys when leading in **peace**.
- **NO ONE UNDERSTOOD WHAT THEY WERE DOING** but it was **STILL THE RIGHT THING TO DO!**

**PRAISE POSITIONS US FOR BREAKTHROUGH** - *You don't need to understand. You don't need to wait until it happens.*  
 YOU CAN PRAISE AS IF YOU HAD IT ALL NOW - **ISAIAH 54 SING O BARREN!**

- **EXCITEMENT CAN ALWAYS BECOME FAITH BUT APATHY IS JUST EARLY-ONSET UNBELIEF**
- **IT MATTERS THAT JESUS RAISED THE DEAD JUST BEFORE COMING INTO JERUSALEM BECAUSE **HE IS THE KING OF LIFE!****
- **HE DEMONSTRATED WHAT HIS KINGDOM LOOKS LIKE!**

II. **RESURRECTION IS ABOUT BOTH LIFE AND DEATH**

A. **BEFORE WE CAN CELEBRATE LIFE WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE**

## NECESSITY OF A DEATH

- **SCRIPTURE WARNS US THAT MESSIAH WOULD SUFFER**

**ISAIAH 53:4** Surely He has **borne our griefs** And **carried our sorrows**;  
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

**5** But He was **wounded for our transgressions**, He was **bruised for our iniquities**;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed**.

- **JESUS DESCRIBED AS A LAMB - Like naming your cow "Dinner"**

**John 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold! The Lamb** of God who takes away **the sin of the world!**"

- **ONLY DEATH PAYS FOR SIN**

**Heb. 9:12** Not with the **blood** of goats and calves, but with His own **blood** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained **eternal redemption**. **13** For if the **blood** of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **14** **how much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

### **B. THE PLAN FOR OUR REDEMPTION HAS ALWAYS HINGED ON THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Rom. 3:23 NLT** For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. **24** Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. **25** For God presented Jesus as the **sacrifice for sin**. People are **made right with God when they believe** that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, **26** for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

### **C. IF THE ENEMY HAD KNOWN HE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT**

**1Cor. 2:6** However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **7** But **we speak the wisdom of God** in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God **ordained before the ages for our glory**, **8** which **none of the rulers of this age knew**; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

### **C. TOMB TIME WAS NOT DEAD TIME**

**1Pet. 3:18** For Christ also **suffered once** for sins, the **just for the unjust**, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison (IN HIS RESURRECTED BODY)

- **JESUS RAISED IN HIS BODY BY THE SPIRIT**
- **HE DESCENDED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO IMPRISONED SPIRITS FIRST - THEIR PLAY FOR POWER FAILED**
- **LIKE DANCING IN THE END ZONE TO CELEBRATE VICTORY**

### III. **THE KING WON HIS KINGDOM**

**COL. 1:13** He has **delivered us from the power of darkness** and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

#### A. **THE KINGDOM IS ABOUT THE RULE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH ISAIAH 9:6-7**

**ISAIAH 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- **THE GOVERNMENT IS ON HIS SHOULDERS**
- **HIS GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY INCREASE**
- **JESUS IS THE KING OF HEAVEN'S KINGDOM**

#### B. **OUR KING SHED HIS BLOOD AND IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH**

- ***IT WAS THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS BEFORE THE CROWN OF HIS KINGDOM.***
- **THE SHED BLOOD OF HIS CROSS LED TO HIS RESURRECTION**

**Acts 2:36** "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.**"

- ***OUR VICTORY HAS ARRIVED! THE HARD STUFF WILL COME, BUT WE CELEBRATE NOW!***