04 02 2023 1 Jerusalem, Jesus Last Stand 2 Martinwood Christian Church 3 4 5 Jerusalem, Jesus Last Stand 6 7 Have you ever gone somewhere you thought you might not ought to go? 8 Have you been somewhere people encouraged you NOT to go? 9 10 During the week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, Jesus continued to 11 teach. He taught in the Temple, He taught in the streets, He continued 12 teaching even though He knew he was being carefully watched by the 13 authorities, or should I say the Sadducees and Pharisees. 14 15 Have you ever felt afraid or knew things weren't going to go right? Jesus 16 did, yet he knew and was comfortable with his destiny. Are you 17 comfortable with your destiny? Have you made your peace with God? 18 19 Jesus it was pretty obvious six days before Passover when Mary poured 20 pure nard, an expensive perfume on Jesus' feet at Bethany. Jesus knew 21 this was preparation for his burial, yet he went forward, right into 22 Jerusalem, without fear, knowing what awaited him. 23 24 Jesus didn't have "What If" on his mind. He had the "What Is" on his mind. 25 He knew he was going home. He was going home to his Father. While at 26 Bethany a large crowd of Jews found out he was there and went to see 27 him, not only because of him, but also to see Lazarus, who was reclining 28 with him. During this period of time the chief priests made plans to kill 29 Lazarus too. They said that it was on account of him many of the Jews 30 were going over to Jesus and believing him. 31 32 The next day He had guite the welcoming committee when He got to 33 Jerusalem. According to John 12:12-13 34

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John 12:12-13

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

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Jesus enters Jerusalem and the crowds welcome him



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John 12:14-15

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

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John 12:16

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

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- Not only did Jesus predict his own death, but he washed his disciple's feet,
- predicted his betrayal, comforted his disciples, teaches about the way to
- the Father, promises the Holy Spirit and is finally arrested. Even knowing

- all this, he continued to preach and teach his disciples. But today was a happy day in Jerusalem, at least for the Jews.
- 46 47 Jesus
 - Jesus knew his life had to fulfill the scriptures written hundreds of years
- 48 before he was born.

Zechariah 9:9 (520-518 BC)

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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- Isaiah 53
- Talks about our savior as nothing special. No special appearances, no
- pomp and circumstance, no beauty or majesty to attract us to him. Yet
- people came. In John 6:44 The Lord says Something very important I want
- to share with you and it is tied into what Jesus said. I believe it is about
- 56 Evangelism.

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John 6:44

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

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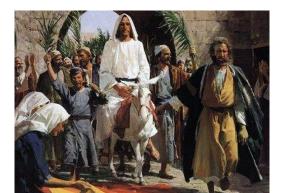
Jesus was later quoted in John 12:44

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John 12:44-45

Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

Jesus was sent as the light of the world, and to those who believe in him He will save them.



Even now He was evangelizing for the Lord. Not only was He preaching the Word, but He was living it for all to see, and all wanted to see; they just wanted a glimpse, or to touch His garment or even to be in His shadow.

He lived what He preached. Its not easy. I can stand up here all day and preach, but living it is something totally different. The world changes when we walk out that door. It did for Jesus.

Maybe that's what the upper room was for....because He knew what awaited them outside the door. God told Joshua

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

1 Chronicles 22:13

Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

The reassurance that all is well.

2 Chronicles 32:7

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged,..... for there is a greater power with us than with him.

As you go out this week listen for what God is saying to you. Be bold and courageous when he plants a seed or drops a thought on your heart. You might be surprised. If you are concerned it's not from God, pray.

Lord,

We can only imagine the great anticipation you had during your last stand in Jerusalem. You took our place on the cross for us so we didn't have to live in sin unless we choose to. By your stripes we are saved. Help us find and save those who you want saved, teach those who need to hear your word and those who need our help. Give us the resources to help them. Help us love the unlovable and teach the unteachable. Thank you for blessing your ministry here on 8th Avenue. In Jesus Name we pray....Amen.

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