

First Text: *Matthew 21:1-17*

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you should say that the Lord needs them, and immediately he will send them.”

This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

**Tell Daughter Zion,
“Look, your King is coming to you,
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,
even on a colt,
the foal of a beast of burden.”**

The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their robes on them, and He sat on them. A very large crowd spread their robes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of Him and those who followed kept shouting:

***Hosanna* to the Son of David!
He who comes in the name
of the Lord is the blessed One!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds kept saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!”

Jesus went into the temple complex and drove out all those buying and selling in the temple. He overturned the money changers’ tables and the chairs of those selling doves. And He said to them, “It is written, **My house will be called a house of prayer.** But you are making it **a den of thieves!**”

The blind and the lame came to Him in the temple complex, and He healed them. When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that He did and the children shouting in the temple complex, “*Hosanna* to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?”

“Yes,” Jesus told them. “Have you never read:

**You have prepared praise
from the mouths of children and nursing infants?”**

Then He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

I. The Royal Entry of the King

Notes: _____

N.T. Wright

The people wanted a prophet, but this prophet would tell them that their city was under God's imminent judgment (chapter 24). They wanted a Messiah, but this one was going to be enthroned on a pagan cross. They wanted to be rescued from evil and oppression, but Jesus was going to rescue them from evil in its full depths, not just the surface evil of Roman occupation and the exploitation by the rich. Precisely because Jesus says 'yes' to their desires at the deepest level, he will have to say 'no' or 'wait' to the desires they are conscious of, and expressed.

That's the funny thing with prayer. Once you invite Jesus to help, he will do so more thoroughly than you imagined, more deeply than perhaps you wanted. If you invite an accountant to help you with your income tax return, you mustn't be surprised if she goes through all your other financial affairs as well, to make sure she's got everything right.

The story of Jesus' grand, though surprising, entry into Jerusalem, then, is an object lesson in the mismatch between our expectations and God's answer (compare *16:23*, where Jesus says something like this to Peter). The bad news is that the crowds are going to be disappointed. But the good news is that their disappointment, though cruel, is at the surface level. Deep down, Jesus' arrival at the great city is indeed the moment when salvation is dawning. The 'Hosannas' were justified, though not for the reasons they had supposed. To learn this lesson is to take a large step towards wisdom and humility, and towards genuine Christian faith.

Revelation 19:11-17

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on His head. He had a name written that no one knows except Himself. He wore a robe stained with blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies that were in heaven followed Him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. A sharp sword came from His mouth, so that He might strike the nations with it. He will shepherd them with an iron scepter. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Second Text: *John 19: 16-30*

Therefore they took Jesus away. Carrying His own cross, He went out to what is called Skull Place, which in Hebrew is called *Golgotha*. There they crucified Him and two others with Him, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had a sign lettered and put on the cross. The inscription was:

JESUS THE NAZARENE THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Don’t write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that He said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’ ”

Pilate replied, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four parts, a part for each soldier. They also took the tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it, to see who gets it.” They did this to fulfill the Scripture that says: **They divided My clothes among themselves, and they cast lots for My clothing.** And this is what the soldiers did.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing there, He said to His mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then He said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, when Jesus knew that everything was now accomplished that the Scripture might be fulfilled, He said, “I’m thirsty!” A jar full of sour wine was sitting there; so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on hyssop and held it up to His mouth.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” Then bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

II. The Reparation of the One True Human

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Romans 4:24-5:2

It will be credited to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have also obtained access through Him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Phillip Yancey

Love was compressed for all history in that lonely figure on the cross, who said that he could call down angels at any moment on a rescue mission, but chose not to – because of us. At Calvary, God accepted his own unbreakable terms of justice.

III. The Revolution of God

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N.T. Wright, *The Day the Revolution Began*

Jesus died for our sins, not so that we could sort out abstract ideas, but so that we, having been put right, could become part of God's plan to put His whole world right. That is how the revolution works.

Revelation 1:17-19

"Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades. Therefore write..."

IV. The Refuge of the Cross

Notes: _____

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble.

Therefore we will not be afraid, though the earth trembles and the mountains topple into the depths of the seas, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with its turmoil

A.C. Dixon

In Jesus Christ on the Cross there is refuge; there is safety; there is shelter; and all the power of sin upon our track cannot reach us when we have taken shelter under the Cross that atones for our sins.

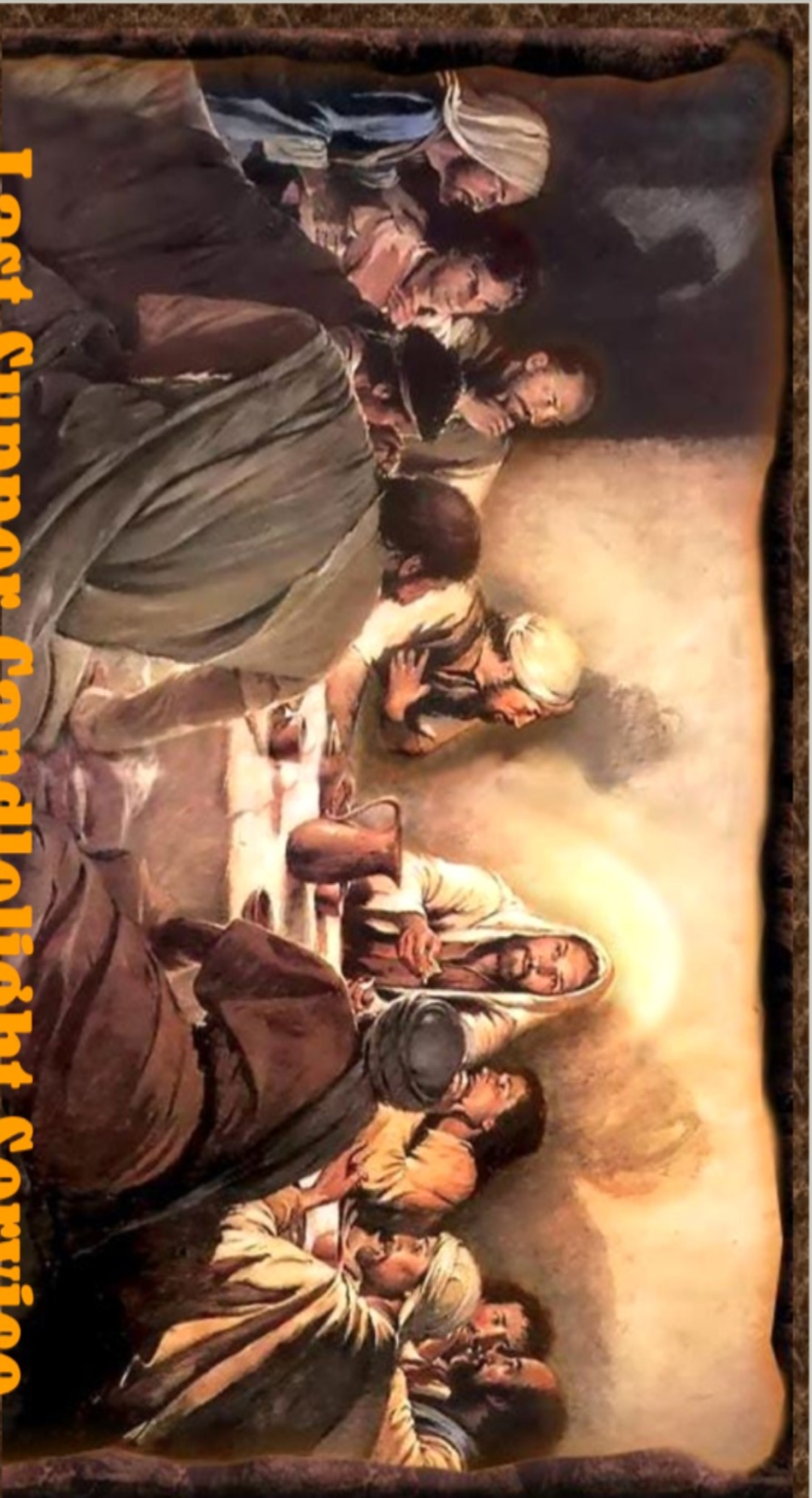
1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God's power to us who are being saved.

CONCLUSION:

Galatians 6:14

But as for me, I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through the cross, and I to the world.



Last Supper Candlelight Service

Do this in remembrance of me...

Thursday, April 18th at 7 pm
Bull Creek Cowboy Church

A Journey Through James

Practical Application
to Biblical Truth

Jeff Jackson

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

BOOKS
ARE IN
THE
B3C
STORE

May 6th through June 10th
@ 6:30 PM in the Main Sanctuary

If you have any questions please contact
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*Bull Creek Cowboy Church Youth, Children's,
& Nursery Team Auction & Meal*

Date: April 28th after 2nd Service

*If you would like to donate we are looking for
new & handmade items like:*

Baked Goods	Purses & Wallets
Pocket Knives	Firearms
Saddlery & Tack	Leather Items
Handmade Quilts	Perfume & Cologne
Crosses & Decor	Auto Goods & Services

We will be accepting



Bull Creek Cowboy Church

Mother's Day Breakfast

May 5, 2019
In the Youth Barn

Breakfast will be served right after first service
9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Prepared by the Authentic Chuckwagon
and Men's Ministry

Please fill out the sign-up sheet at the front of
the church so we can know
how many will be attending.

Final date for signup is April 29th



Movie Night—Saturday, April 20th at 5:30 pm.

Ticket sales start April 7th

Tickets—\$2.00 each (to cover cost of movie license)

Concession will be provided