



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: Follow - Week 12

Palm Sunday: Follow Jesus to the cross...

Recap the Highlights:

1. "Before you get out of the tomb, you gotta go to the cross."
2. The most important part of Palm Sunday is the central characteristic which is that Jesus came on a march toward death to bring Salvation to all mankind.
3. The Triumphal Entry is what kicks off the week before the resurrection. Jesus went first to cleanse the Temple. He then meets in the Upper Room, where he has the last supper with the Disciples. Then He goes to the Garden of Gethsemane and prays throughout the night. He is then arrested, tried, and crucified.
4. **What does following Jesus to the cross require of us?**
 - a. **Triumphant Entry** - Put to death any hopes/expectations we have in this fallen/temporal world in Exchange for the rule of God over all things.
 - b. **Cleansing of the Temple** - Put to death our ability to get to God on our own or by our own acts/deeds of righteousness in Exchange for Christ's imputed righteousness and our daily submission to His Spirit.
 - c. **Last Supper** - Put to death...
 - i. pride, power and greed in Exchange for a new command He gives us - to Love and a new dominion He invites us to experience - His Kingdom.
 - ii. Our own expectations in Exchange for his perfect plan.
 - d. **Garden of Gethsemane** - put to death our Will (no matter how noble it may seem) in Exchange for His Perfect Will.
 - e. **Arrest/Trial/Crucifixion** - put to death Anything in our flesh/carnal appetites that remain In exchange for a new life raised up by the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit.

Now Dig Deeper:

1. What hopes or Expectations do you need to put to death?
2. Can you give an example of pride, power or greed that you have put to death and what has happened since then?
3. What has your plan looked like? Has there been a time when you had a plan, but God's plan ultimately looked different?
4. Can you imagine what those final hours with Jesus might have looked like for the disciples had they been able to stay awake with him?
5. As we prepare for Easter this weekend, what have we learned about the passion week that will help prepare even us more?



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Respond & Pray:

- Pray individually or as a group and ask God what needs to die in you so that God can raise you from the dead and allow you to thrive.