

In Light of This....

Palm Sunday

- Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem
- Praise and Celebration of the people

Setting the Stage:

Passover Time

- city would swell by 1 million people
- celebration of God's deliverance in Egypt
- high point of the religious calendar
- atmosphere of anticipation - excitement

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- politically – Roman Occupation
- long awaited messiah to return them to rule, restore
- popularity of Jesus on the Rise – big following
- Jesus Himself claiming time is drawing near

Setting In Scripture

- Jesus traveling with disciples
- News arrives that Lazarus is Sick (11:1)
- Jesus assures – sickness will not end in death (11:4)

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- told of Jesus Love for these three (11:3,5)
 - Told Jesus stays for 2 more days, waits to return (6)
 - discussion of the dangers of going there (7-10)
 - revealed, Lazarus is dead, and will be awakened (11)
- * Jesus 1st Action on Arrival:
- comfort Mary (17-31)
- Join the Mourners (32-37)
- * Jesus 2nd Action on Arrival
- public resurrection of Lazarus after 4 days (38-44)

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Plot to Kill Jesus Revealed (45-57)

- leaders acknowledge the reality of Jesus ministry
- openly admit fear of losing position and purpose
- discuss the plot to take his life
- orders given to find and arrest Jesus

Triumphal Entry

- Luke 19:28-44

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Simple Observations About this Event

1. Prophecy of Zech. 9:9 fulfilled

- king on an unbroken colt

2. Public Nature

- coming out to adoration, riding openly and being proclaimed as the leader

3. Revolutionary Spirit of the Celebration

- heralding Jesus as the one they support, against Rome and the current temple leadership

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4. Jesus Response to the Scene (41-44)

a) You Missed It

- empty words and celebration
- almighty God is here, at work for you, and you have made it about your agenda

b) Peace is On God's Terms Alone

- redemption of mankind to God has a terrible price, one we gloss over
- they had been told what is really going on, missed it completely!

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c) There Will Be Consequences

- predicts the fall of Jerusalem, 40 years later the Roman army besieges Jerusalem and levels the temple!

Communion Time

- a) we have the story of God's love, redemptive work for us
- b) celebrate it carefully – not as fickle followers
- c) ask for our eyes to be opened to what is happening, and carefully consider the truth

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So What

Last Week – 1 Peter 4:1-11

- “The end of all things is near. Therefore, be clear minded and self controlled so that you can pray. Above all love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with all the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever, Amen.”

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- We Are No Longer Slaves to Sin, Dead to Self
- Arm Yourself – Prepare with the same attitude Jesus had
- Remember – The World does Not understand or see what you see and understand so....
 1. Use good judgment and Stay Calm through prayer. (7b)
 2. Stay Passionate about Loving Others (8)
 3. Be Hospitable (9)
 4. Keep Serving One Another (10 - 11)