

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE '97

PSALM 24:7

LUKE 19:28-44

MARCH 23, 1997

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"OPEN WIDE THE GATES"

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF THE SON OF DAVID TO THE CITY OF GOD

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text

For These last two weeks, 60 of us covered the land of Israel, From Dan in the north, from the base of Mount Hermon raising 9,500 high to the South Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth at 1300 ft. Below sea level. From the Mount of Olives to the Temple mount itself!!!

THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD AND THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD IS
FOCUSED IN AND ON THAT ONE LITTLE NATION, A CITY, A PLOT OF
LAND

Ps 102:16

For WHEN the LORD shall build up Zion; he shall appear in His glory.

MY PURPOSE THIS MORNING IS

#1

to casue you to see what, was only seen by just a few

#2

to dedecate your a life to Him completely

#3

to fill you heart with "trangable, invincable hope"

1.) To Casue you to see what, was only seen by a few

The Geography of the Day

LUKE 19:28-44

What is Known as Palm Sunday Week Begins
"THE PASSION WEEK"

*So Important was this Week and Sacrifice that - it was responsible for a new beginning in for the Jew of Judaism, and it was celebrated with a passion... **The New Year Began - Sin-Free.***

- the entry itself

(MATT 23:37)

- the direction from where he entered
- the view from that point
- the sounds of the city
- the glory of the temple mount

Matt 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

What day ? (for them it was April 6th 32 ad. (173,880 days from the commandment from artixerchus to Nehemaih

Luke 13:34

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, **but you were not willing!**
are you willing this morning

Verse 44

because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Was this Jesus, the Party Pooper?

wept (klaio {klah'-yo})

1) to **mourn**, lament, 2) of those who mourn for the dead, 3) **the heaving of the chest**

2.) To Confirm your hearts 'Hope' in what is True

The Events of the Moment

2 Pet 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly
devised fables when we made known to you the
power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Matthew tells us:

*And the multitudes that went before and they that followed, cried, saying,
Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the
Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

Isa. 55:12

*For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: **the mountains** and the
hills shall break forth before you into **singing**, and all the **trees** of the field shall
clap their hands.*

Luke 19:39

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke
Your disciples." :40 But He answered and said to them,
"I tell you that if these should keep silent,
the stones would immediately cry out."

these stones would cry out.... (because of THE truth of whats happening.

Even if your heart is like a stone or people think that you're a clod, you can say today "blessed is he..."

Rebuke Them!!!

Muzzle Your Followers because...

LISTEN !!!

The Bible Was Being Lived Out to the Moment

Zech 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."

*Jesus not only accepted their worship,
He defended it*

"Jesus Muzzle Your Followers"

I think Satan still does that Today to Us

*Every time I worship, Every Time I Praise the Name of God,
Satan gets Sick to His stomach and His Ego wrenches in Pain*

Satan never has a good day - never!

*(Around the world **day** by day, **hour** by hour, **minute** by minute,
somewhere in the world worship and praise is going on)*

Satan wants to vomit every hour, on the hour !

LISTEN !!!

ISRAEL IS AWAITING WITH URGENCY THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH
((THE ANTI-CHRIST))

The Words of Two Jews that we met there.....

Verse 41

*I don't see anyone asking Jesus -
"Why are you crying?"*

*"Why are you Crying" is a question we will ask someone
- Why are you crying ?*

JESUS HAD AN ETERNAL REASON TO CRY

3.) And to bring to Completion your life's Purpose

The Timing of Life

Matt. 20:18-19

Jesus says to the guys,

(18) "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death

(19) and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

*Jesus here begins to move towards Jerusalem to
execute the ancient prophecy:*

Luke 9:51

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

Zech. 9:9

(582 years earlier)

**"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle
(and-yet) riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."**

Jesus has an appointment with the Father!

JESUS IGNORED, IS JESUS REJECTED

In Dan. 9:25&26

written 537 years before Christ

Dan. 9:25

***Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment
to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be 49 years,
and 434 years: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous
times.***

Dan. 9:26

And after the 434 years shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself;

***"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment
to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the coming of the Messiah the King shall
be (49 years), and (434 years): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in
troublous times. = (483 years)***

360 days per year x 483 years = 173,880 days

**On March 14, 445 bc. King Artaxerxes Longimanus
gave the command to Nehemiah (Neh 2:5)**

to restore and to build Jerusalem

**From that day (March 14, 445) 173,880 days later
you arrive at this day April 6th. 32 ad.**

Dan. 9:26 And after (or at the end of the 434 year that follows the 49 years))shall the Messiah be (**cut off**, **HEB = kaw-rath**, the word is associated with those who have committed a capital offence (He was numbered with the transgressors).... but not for himself.

?????? FOR WHOM DO YOU THINK ??????

II Cor 6:2

"...in the day of salvation have I comforted you: behold, now [is] the accepted time; behold, now [is] the day of salvation.)

Joan Osborne Sings her Song

"What if God Was one Us"

"Came to earth like one us, like a stranger on the bus.... What if he was to come... then you'd have to believe in the angels, and in Jesus and all of the prophets"

Joan Osborne He Came !

"They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Zeph. 1:12

And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

The fulfilled in 70 ad. by Gen. Titus Aspagean

• **The melting gold of the temple**

- 600,000 Jews were killed and the temple desmantled, not by choice

(the Hulocost Musueum - I wept, I cringed, to think that I have germany blood in me...)

*ISAIAH 52-53 says it was my humanity that put Him there
...and I was glad to understand that I wasn't alone in His love
for me*

John 15:3

"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

4.) The Contemplation of the Son of God

Matt 21:9

Then the multitudes who went before Jesus and those who followed Jesus
cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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

"Hosanna in the highest!"

some estimate that there was 100,000 people

It's costly Worship (Can't Deny That)

*It was their cloths, garments to warm them
(they couldn't run down to **K-Mart** to replace them)*

*They began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice
for all the mighty works they had seen.*

*What ever their Thinking and Feeling it
was, It was very sincere*

Matt 21:5

*"Tell the daughters of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you,
meek (having all power, under restraint) and sitting on a donkey, a colt,
the foal of a donkey.'"*

The crowd rejoicing.....The King weeping

because of verse 37b

That the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice
(for all the mighty works they had seen)

Verse 43 & 44

- the desolations pronounced upon Israel for the rejection of her King.
- The doom of thier future prophecied by Jesus, recorded through out history (failing to recognize him when he came)

Micah 3:12

"Therefore, Jerusaelm will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple a hill of rubble".

1Ki 9:7

*Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a **byword** among all people:*

- will you become a **byword**, (a joke, a fool) in the end ?

Whatever your opinion of Jesus is:

the facts remain that he rode **Publicly** into Jerusalem on a colt
and was received, only to be rejected again

Whatever your opinion of Jesus is:

the facts remain that he was beaten **Publicly** before Israel
by the Roman government

Whatever your opinion of Jesus is:

the facts remain that he was crucified **Publicly** before the world
as recorded in all of human history

Whatever your opinion of Jesus is:

the facts remain that, **Publicly** on that Sunday morning
His tomb was found empty

Whatever your opinion of Jesus is:

the facts remain that **Publicly** He lives
and is coming again **Publicly** just as He said.

John 18:20

*"I have spoken **Publicly** to the world,"I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.*

Whatever your opinion of Jesus is:

Rev. 3:20

LOOK, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

- **Where in the crowd of people would you have been 1,965 years ago?**
- **Where in the crowd are you today ?**

I TOLD LISA FRIDAY NIGHT
But I could'nt come home until I had again stood
"WITHIN THE CITY WALLS"

THERE IS A TIME COMING (THE EASTERN GATE)

IN 1530, The Governor of Jersalem, a Muslim Turk sealed up the the Easten Gate based upon what he had read in

I Could'nt Help but Hear Jesus Crying Out...

"OPEN THIS GATE"

*I Could'nt Help but Hear the Dead that Surround the Eastern Gate,
the seplcures that face the Temple Mount*

"OPEN THIS GATE"

The Rabbinical Students

Descend from their Classes Linked arm in arm

With Such Respect for God they would not turn thier backs toward the Temple, but walk backwards with their faces toward the Holy Temple Mount.

Ps 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

The Hesetic Jews

they came running towards the wall

With Such Respect for God they would stand and rock and sway to tell God that they love Him with there whole being.

Deut 4:29

"But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

And Why Not

Christian, This is the Mount that Abraham Offered Isaac

Gen 22:13-14

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, **In the mount of the LORD ((it)) shall be seen.**

*1,965 years ago,
Jersalem was electrified
with anticipation*

It was "The" Exciting Time in Jerusalem.

The city is tripling in population as Jewish pilgrims are coming from many nations to celebrate the Passover Sacrifice.

- ***The Streets** were Lined with Colorful Banners and Music could be heard everywhere*
- ***The anticipation was high** as the people would be excited about having their sins covered over, removed by the blood of the sacrificial lamb..... **They would take a young, spotless lamb (pet)***

**256,000 LAMBS WERE SACRIFICED
ON THIS WEEK IN HISTORY**

*So Important was this Sacrifice that - it was responsible for a new beginning in for the Jew of Judaism, and it was celebrated with a passion...
The New Year Began - Sin-Free.*

This Day in History became known as

"Palm Sunday"

Palms

*because of the Ancient Worlds Custom of **Greeting a Victor***

Sunday

*because it was the day after Saturday - **Because it was The Day Ordained by God in Eternity** - The World Should Flock to This!*

*When Jesus says "Go and Do" or Watch and See"
or Be Ready and Wait"*

*We had better prepare our hearts and ears to hear;
"What the Spirit is Saying to Us"*

He had Briefed Them Earlier;

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*Ps 24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And
be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the
King of glory shall come in. (NKJ)*

*Ps 81:10 I am the LORD your God, who brought
you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth
wide, and I will fill it. (NKJ)*

THE ARK OF COVANANT

*"WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT WHAT AWIATS US THIS YEAR OF 1998
50 YEARS IN THE LAND BRINGHS US TO OUR FIRST JUBILEE,*

IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL TIME.... IT WILL BE ALSO A TERRIBLE TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT A GREAT NATION, A GREAT POWER, A GREAT PEOPLE WILL COME AGAINST US FROM THE NORTH AS IN OUR ANCIENT TIMES - BUT GOD WILL SUSTAIN US"
(Gershon Solomon, March 20, 1997 atop the the mount of Olives over looking Jersalem)

Ps 121:4

Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Worship; It was passionate for sure and emotional
but it was misdirected... sincerity isnt everything !!!

**THIS WEEK I STOOD ATOP THE TEMPLE MOUNT IN JERSALEM,
DIRECTLY INLINE WITH THE EASTERN GATE THAT IS SEALED SHUT,
DIRECTLY INLINE WITH THE MOUNT OF OLIVES THAT SHALL SPLIT OPEN**

DIRECTLY INLINE WITH HIS APPROACH TO HIS CITY...

Matt 24:27

"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also
will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is
outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is
that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men
but from God.