

Thursday (continued)

How can you apply this to the area where you're tempted to impose your agenda or schedule on God?

How does Jesus' decision to drink the "cup" help you in your obedience to God?

Thank God today for His amazing love for you. Thank Him for His grace. Ask Him to help you stay in an attitude of praise throughout the day.

Good Friday

Read John 19:16-37. What can you find to praise God for in this account of Christ's death for you?

Write down a prayer of praise to God for what the death of Christ accomplished for you:

Pray the prayer you wrote. Ask God to help you make praising Him for His grace to you part of the fabric of your character. Remember the Good Friday services tonight at 7:30.

Saturday

In preparation for Easter, read John 19:38-20:31. Please remember the Easter services in your prayers. Pray that many would attend and have an opportunity to know that power of Christ's resurrection in their own life!

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & surgeries this past week...

Aleeta Zapata – RCU, in good spirits
Charles Whitney – RCU
Charlie Comstock – RCU, doing well, home soon
Christine Garbo – suffering complications from critical injuries
Jeremy Holmes – surgery to remove a rib and cancerous tumor 3/14 at UCSF (great pain and a long recovery time is anticipated)
Marion Fuhry – incurable COPD and pneumonia
Shirley Ellis – heart valve infection
Warren Lemmon – cancer

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Anna Floden, Bobbette Moore, Lisa Rojas, Susan Doxater

Hospice care: Adrienne Bresnahan-Gomes

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update: www.tlc.org/profiles**



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What really happened on Palm Sunday?

"The next day the **great crowd that had come for the Feast** 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!**'"

"Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, 'Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.'" *John 12:12-15*

- How "great" was the crowd? _____
- Why "palm branches"? _____
- Why "Hosanna"? _____
- Why "King of Israel"? _____

What happened next?

"Jesus **entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there.** He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves." *Matthew 21:12*

"Jesus **left the temple and was walking away** when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. 'Do you see all these things?' he asked. 'I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; **every one will be thrown down.**'" *Matthew 24:1,2*

"While Jesus was in Bethany... a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, **they were indignant.**" *Matthew 26:6-8*

"Then one of the Twelve — the one called **Judas** Iscariot — went to the chief priests and asked, 'What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?'" *Matthew 26:14,15a*

Note: This was all in Jesus' _____ to get to the cross

How do I avoid "Palm Sunday Syndrome"?

1. Stop giving Jesus an _____ that is not His!

"Jesus said, 'My kingdom is **not** of this world.'" *John 18:36*

Identities we try to assign to Jesus:

- _____
- _____
- _____

2. Stop giving Jesus an _____ that is not His!

"For my thoughts are **not** your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD." *Isaiah 55:8*

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give his life** as a **ransom** for many." *Matthew 20:28*

Agenda items we try to assign to Jesus:

- Make me _____
- Make _____
- Make me _____

3. Stop giving Jesus a _____ that is not His!

"With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is **not** slow in keeping his promise..." *2 Peter 3:8a-9b*

Where am I impatient with Jesus?

4. Start believing Jesus is _____ and _____!

(Jesus said) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." *Revelation 22:13*

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely **more than we might ask or think**." *Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)*

Next Weekend

Good Friday Service

7:30 pm in Main Auditorium

Easter Services

Saturday: 6pm • Sunday: 8am, 9am, 10:15am & 11:30am

- Free continental breakfast
- TLC Choir, TLC band & horns
- Free gift for first-time visitors
- Use the invitation card in today's bulletin to invite a friend!

Daily Meditations

Monday

What struck home for you in this past weekend's message?

Read Matthew 21:7-10. Think of your life right now. How might you be trying to give God an identity or agenda or schedule that is not His? How does that affect your life?

In prayer, ask God to show you where you need to surrender to His agenda or timing for your life, whether or not it matches yours!

Tuesday

Read John 12:12-19. Someone once said this crowd contained some who had faith, but for many it was mere fanaticism: Jesus was the flavor of the moment for them. For others it was opportunism: They praised Jesus for what they thought he would give them. Can these reactions still happen today? How so?

The crowds thought Jesus was a political king. Jesus later told Pilate (John 18:36) that he was a king, but his kingdom was not of this world. What did he mean by that?

How can you honor Jesus as the true King in your life this week?

In prayer today ask Jesus to show you how He can be King over an area of your thought life; your family life; your work life; and your mission in life.

Wednesday

While there will be times we will not be certain of Jesus Christ's agenda or schedule for our lives, we will always be sure of His identity! Read the passage Jesus read aloud in a synagogue, and then announced it was about himself: Isaiah 61:1-3. What does this tell you about Jesus?

Read Romans 11:33-36 and Isaiah 55:8,9. What do you learn about God in these verses?

How can you apply these verses to the area in which you're tempted to impose your agenda or schedule on God?

How does praising God help you surrender your agenda?

Thank God today for His amazing love for you. Thank Him for His grace. Ask Him to help you stay in an attitude of praise throughout the day. Use the attributes you read about today to praise God. Maybe even choose a song of praise to sing to Him today as you pray.

Thursday

Read Matthew 26:36-56. How is Jesus' prayer in verses 39-42 an excellent model for you to follow when you need to yield to God's agenda for our lives?

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