

SUNDAY—APRIL 12

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*Matthew 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and 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.*

Somewhere around 1990 years ago, our Saviour entered Jerusalem yesterday. He was hailed by many as the King of the Jews as He entered the holy city in prophetic fashion. What a glorious day! To the Pharisees, this was the beginning of the end of Jesus. The attention Christ was getting was all that they could take. Their pride and misunderstanding of Scripture would bring them to unthinkable measures. Our Messiah knew that this was the end of the beginning. Yes, in a few days, He would be crucified, but our King would rise victorious. Jesus knows the end from the beginning. Life is filled with ups and downs, but we can trust Him. He has a plan. Man is NOT in control. Disease is not in control. God is.

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To reiterate the point from yesterday, notice a subtle clue in today's text. Mary had BOUGHT spices. There had to be a day between the sabbaths in order for this to happen because the Jew could not PURCHASE anything on a Sabbath day. So, sometime between Thursday night and Friday night, the Marys secured some spices to anoint the body of Jesus, Mark 16:2 says, "**And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came** unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." In my opinion, there is a couple of days between verse 1 and 2. The phrase, "That they might come..." speaks of something they would do in the future, but not right away. Just a thought. Form your own conclusion.

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1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 10:25-42

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Let's be academic. Many get confused about this, but it's not that hard. Jesus was crucified on our Wednesday and was laid in the tomb on Wed evening. The next day, the religious leaders got together to be sure Jesus stayed sealed in that tomb for three days! Confusion comes to some because the "Sabbath" is mentioned a few different times in the four Gospels. You see, there were two Sabbaths—the Passover Sabbath which began on Wed night at sundown (6PM), there was a day in between, and then the regular Sabbath on the 7th day (beginning on Fri. eve at sundown). The only good thing about good Friday is that there was one more day until the resurrection!

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Matthew 21:23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

The next day (our Monday) (21:18), Jesus went back into the city after spending the night in Bethany. It was on this day that he would interact with folks...teaching and debating. We find in the text above that the religious leaders challenged the authority of Jesus. In other words, they were saying to Him, "Who are YOU to tell US?!" "Who do you think YOU are?" We would never think to use such presumptuous language toward our God, but sometimes our actions make the same bold statement. Does the way you live your live challenge the authority of God? Is He your Lord? Yield to Him. Recommit your submission to His authority in your life.

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*Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*

On this day (our Tuesday), so many precious things would happen. It would be the last day with His disciples before he would be betrayed into the hands of sinners. He would take them into the upper room to enjoy the Passover and establish this event as a means to remember his sacrifice for us. He would wash their feet and teach them of the value of humility and servitude. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He would teach us perhaps the greatest lesson of the Christian life—death to self. "...not as I will, but as thou wilt." Can you say that? We all have dreams, ambitions, and desires. But God has a "cup" for you to drink. Are you willing? Would you take up your cross, and follow Him?

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*Matthew 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;*

After a sleepless night of being betrayed, mocked, punched, spit upon, and more than we'll ever know or could imagine, our loving Saviour was delivered to the Romans by His own people to be brutally crucified. Think of the irony that these men who made a mockery of Jesus condemned Him to death. What a sobering thought to realize that Caiaphas, Herod, Pilate, and many more who had their hand in the judgment of Christ will one day fall before the JUDGE. There is no doubt in my mind that they will recall what they did. That day they unjustly and cruelly murdered the Lamb of God. Thank God today that Jesus endured this for you—to pay for your sin! What love...what wondrous love!

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