

Sermon: What I Need to See

Palm Sunday 2021

Scripture: John 12:12-26

**I. The original crowd believed Jesus was about to be _____
_____. (12-13)**

**II. The Greeks wanted to be _____ Jesus
was the Messiah. (20-21) 1 Corinthians 1:22-23;**

**III. Jesus taught them the way to _____
_____ Him. (23-26)**

**1. Jesus is about to be glorified through His death, burial and
resurrection. Philippians 2:8-11**

**2. In order to really know Jesus we must die to self. (24) Hebrews
12:1-2; (32) John 3:14-16**

**3. When I look at the cross I must realize that I am crucified
there as well. (25-26) Matthew 10:32-39 Galatians 6:14**

**IV. We see Jesus through _____
_____. John 14:8 John 14:16-17; 20;
Romans 8:16 John 14:26 John 16:13-14 Galatians 2:20**

Thought for the Day When Jesus came into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday there was a great celebration. The people who had witnessed the miracles were sure something was about to happen that would change the world. They were sure a new king was about to be crowned. One day Jesus will wear a crown in Jerusalem but it was not to be this day. He was about to receive a cross not a crown. Some Greeks asked Philipp to allow them to see Jesus. When the message was relayed to Jesus, he began to teach that to really see Him meant something far different than using their eyes. In order to see Him you had to die to yourself so you could see Jesus through a spiritual relationship. Naturally people struggled with that concept. Today, people want God to prove He is real by showing signs as evidence of His presence. God tells us we know Him through faith. Our relationship with God is established through faith. Jesus told Nicodemus we must be born of the spirit and later in that discourse he tells Him being born of the Spirit is proven the same way the reality of the wind is proven by seeing it's affects. We see Jesus when the still small voice tells us we are His children, when we know that God has answered prayer, when we suddenly have strength to do what we could not do on our own or when the Bible seems to be speaking directly to our minds. Many people in Jerusalem that Palm Sunday saw only a miracle worker riding on a donkey. They missed their day of visitation. Those of us who have recognized the evidences of our relationship with Jesus are blessed because we see Him not with our eyes but with our hearts. Our hearts have proven to our minds the fact that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. **Pastor Bruce**

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll continue in our "Apologetics" root. From the campfire stories of centuries past to the big screen, 3D adventures of today, stories are a huge part of what makes us who we are. When it comes to explaining faith in Christ to people, story is essential – not just any story, but your personal story of God's work in your life. This lesson will focus on how important it is to share your faith story in real relationships with people. It will also show how an individual's faith story can help others find faith. Your students will be challenged to think about how to tell their own faith story. There is also a parent's guide that goes along with these lessons that includes activities your families can do to continue learning during the week. Please let me know if you are not receiving my emails.

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Back to Pre Chorus

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)