

“Love Lays Down Its Life”

March 18 & 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday Weekend

“I used to think there were some prisons you couldn’t escape, but now I know there’s no place I can go where God can’t rescue us.” - Bob Goff

Introduction: “Long live the K_____” was the meaning of the shouts of “Hosanna.” Jesus intentionally chose a time when _____ Israel would be gathered in Jerusalem to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9: “See, your K_____ comes to you...gentle and riding on a d_____.”

This is the o_____ time the Bible records Jesus on a donkey. The people went w_____ expecting liberation from Rome. Jewish leaders were a _____ and asked Jesus to quiet the crowd.

I. Jesus Clears the Temple (Luke 19:45-46)

(47-48) The leaders were looking for a way to _____ Jesus. If Jesus wouldn’t silence the crowds, they would s_____ Him! 40 years later, between 66-70A.D., 6 _____ Jews were killed.

II. Religious Leaders Plot to Kill Jesus (22:1-2, 4-6)

It was Passover and “They were a _____ of the people.” At Passover, the city swelled from _____-thousand to _____-thousand. (22:24) At the table, a dispute arose about who was the g_____!

III. Jesus’ Response Is to Go to the Garden and Pray (22:39-42)

Jesus knelt down and prayed. “Not _____ will, but _____ be done.” (22:54) Jesus is seized and taken to the house of the high p_____.

IV. It Takes Five Different Hearings to Kill an Innocent Man

1 & 2. These were carefully c_____ to accomplish Jesus’ death. (22:63-66) “When d_____ came...they brought him to their council.” 3rd Trial is one of two before the Roman Ruler Pilate (23:1-2). Pilate wants nothing to do with it and sends Jesus to H_____ (4-9). 4th Trial was for Herod’s e_____ and politics (23:8-12). 5th Trial Pilate has Jesus f_____ (23:13-16) as a last resort.

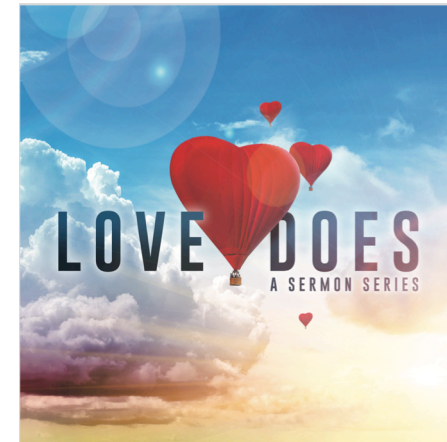
V. Jesus Is Crucified (23:23) The voices of the people prevailed.

Jesus’ Response (23:33-34) “Father _____ them...”

Action Steps: (John 15:12-14) Step 1: “L_____ as I have loved you.”

Step 2: Lay down your life for _____.

Step 3. Be a f_____ of Jesus.



At the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.’

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!’

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

Luke 19:29-30, 35-40



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