

Do You Know About These Things?

Sunday, April 14 – 8:00 & 10:45

Palm Sunday – 2019

Holy Thursday 11 & 7 | Good Friday 11 & 7 | Easter Sunday 7 & 10:45

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: The LORD said through Hosea the prophet, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (4:6 ESV). Among Americans, *Bible knowledge is certainly on a downward trend.*¹ Therefore, today, let’s get to know some important events from **Palm Sunday through Holy Wednesday!**

1. **Palm Sunday – The Triumphal Entry (19:28-40):** Since [Genesis 3:15](#), we have known of the promise of a God-sent warrior, who would defeat the devil. As we think of the pomp of a boxing title holder about to enter the arena, so Jesus entered the holy city for His final bout!³⁷ As he was drawing near... the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice...³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”
2. **Holy Monday – Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem (41-44):** Rejecting God’s truth, they defaulted to God’s destruction!⁴¹ ...when [Jesus] ...saw the city, he wept over it,⁴² saying, “Would that you... had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and... hem you in on every side⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you.” // God permitted the defeat and massacre in AD 70.

¹ <https://www.barna.com/research/the-bible-in-america-6-year-trends/>

3. **Jesus Cleanses the Temple (45-48)**: ⁴⁵ [Jesus]... began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.” // People were doing business **and** gouging their customers in a place set aside *for the Gentiles to worship*.
4. **Holy Tuesday – The Authority of Jesus Challenged (20:1-8)**: Since Jesus had just cleansed the temple, the leaders wanted to know who authorized Him to take such action – *but Jesus answered with a question, and they refused to answer Him!*
5. **The Parable of the Wicked Tenants (9-18)**: That was our sermon text last week. Even though Jesus made it known to the Jewish leaders that rejecting Him, *the Cornerstone*, would bring their destruction, *they still did not repent!*
6. **Paying Taxes to Caesar (19-26)**: In an attempt to trap Jesus, some ²⁰ ...spies, who pretended to be sincere... ²¹ ...asked [Jesus], “Teacher... ²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?” ... ²⁴ “Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.” ²⁵ He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” // To the government we owe *tax and obedience*, to God we owe *trust and thanksgiving!*
7. **Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection (27-40)**: ²⁷ There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection... Those men asked Him about husbands and wives in the resurrection (28-33) – *thinking He could not answer*. ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to... the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore... Then giving an example of Moses referring to the Lord, Jesus said, ³⁷ ...the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ ...he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” // To us – *dead*, to God – *alive!*

8. **Whose Son Is the Christ? (41-43)**: Jesus, *to show He is also the Son of God from before creation*, quoted David in the Psalms and said, ⁴² ... “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ⁴³ until I make your enemies your footstool.” // The point: The Christ is both *David’s Lord* and *David’s son*; his Lord *as the Son of God from eternity*, his son (descendant) *born of Mary!*
9. **Beware of the Scribes (45-47)**: ⁴⁵ And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ “Beware of the scribes, who [live as hypocrites and]... ⁴⁷ ...will receive the greater condemnation.” // *Let us be bold in warning others too!*
10. **The Widow’s Offering (21:1-4)**: ²¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” // Proper giving involves ♦the heart, ♦the proportion, and ♦firstfruits.
11. **Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple (5-7)**: ⁶ “...the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” // God permitted the Romans to massacre many and destroy the temple in AD 70.
12. **Jesus Foretells Signs Pointing to His Return (8-11)**: ⁸ “...many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he [thus, I am the Christ]!’ ... ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.” // Those are things that are continuously taking place around the world; whenever we hear of such things, *they should remind us of Jesus’ return!*
13. **Jesus Foretells What Will Happen Soon (12-19)**: Jesus said to His disciples: ¹² “...they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness.” // *Let us seize our opportunities to tell about Jesus!*

14. **Jesus Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem (20-24):** ²⁰ “...when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.” // It happened, it was terrible, and those who did not listen to Jesus were either killed or enslaved!
15. **The Coming of the Son of Man (25-28):** ²⁵ “...there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity... ²⁶ ...For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” // As Jesus now holds all things together, so, *when He comes*, things will be falling apart, *but those who trust in Him will be saved!*
16. **The Lesson of the Fig Tree (29-33):** Jesus said: As leaves on a fig tree indicate that summer is near, ³¹ “So also, when you see [the powers of the heavens being shaken], you know that the kingdom of God is near.” // The earlier reminders call for repentance; Jesus’ actual coming should be warmly welcomed by all believers – *as they will begin the fullness of eternal life!*
17. **Watch Yourselfs (34-38):** Jesus tells His followers to keep watching, praying, and being ready (repentant) for His return!
18. **Holy Wednesday – The Plot to Kill Jesus (22:1-6):** ² ...the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put [Jesus] to death... ³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot... ⁴ He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers... ⁶ So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray [Jesus] to them... // He did it and God permitted it – *for our salvation!*

This Week’s Challenge: Join us this Thursday, Friday, and Sunday!

Let Us Pray: Father, keep us *remembering* and *trusting in* Jesus!

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