

Preparing for Easter

Learning from Jesus

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Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. As they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. “Go into that village over there,” he told them. “As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘the Lord needs it.’”

Luke chapter 19 verses 28 - 31 (802)

God uses the common & routine to give me the opportunity to obey

☞ ***Jesus said, “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest (unfaithful) in little things, you won’t be honest (faithful) with greater responsibilities.”***

Luke chapter 16 verse 10 (798)

‡ What “little thing” in my life have I been blowing God off on?

Do what Jesus Says

So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?” And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

Luke chapter 19 verses 32 - 35 (802)

- ☞ “...found the colt, just as Jesus had said.”
- ☞ Very seldom, does my obedience to Christ go unchallenged
- ☞ All God asks of me is that I do what Jesus says!
- ☞ Why is this important?? Because I never know how my simple obedience in “little things” becomes a link in the chain that God is building!

- ☞ Is he telling me to forgive someone?
- ☞ To help someone?
- ☞ To give something up?
- ☞ To take something on?
- ☞ To say “yes” to something?
- ☞ To say “no” to something?

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See People the Way Jesus Sees Them

So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. When they reached the place where the road started down from the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in highest heaven!”

Luke chapter 19 verses 35 - 38 (802)

As they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to cry (violently). “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way of peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. ...because you did not accept your opportunity for salvation.”

Luke chapter 19 verses 41, 42 & 44 (802)

Introduce Others to Jesus

The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as Jesus entered. “Who is this?” they asked. And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus....”

Matthew chapter 21 verses 10 & 11 (751)

- ✍ Pray & ask God who to invite & bring to our Easter services
- ✍ At Easter, people are most willing & ready to come to church than any other time of the year
- ✍ The #1 reason people don’t go to church? Because no one ever asked them. So ask someone!
- ✍ We’ve planned a wonderful Easter service. Pray that hundreds will commit their lives in our services on Easter
- ✍ When you attend on Easter, come to the 9:30 am service if possible, & whichever service you attend, leave the best parking spots for our guests

Next Sunday: Learning from Jesus on Palm Sunday – Why did the cheering stop??