

Palm Sunday: Who Is This?

NOTES

- Open In Prayer:

Remember to Ask someone: "If you Can Pray for them" this Week.

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50 am.

Mens Breakfast INN Saturday April 21, Ask someone else to come too!

Gals Special Event April 23- Guest from Kelowna

Last Weeks Key point: Kings of the earth have their own agenda.

Servants of the King follow His agenda. His servants will do and follow His will and seek not their own kingdom

Follow up and review last weeks discussion What was it about?

What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

What did you hear from or see from God this week?

Key Point: Just as he did on that Palm Sunday, Jesus is confronting us **today** with who he is...here I am...King of kings, the way the truth and the life, the living bread, the living water, I was there when the stars were flung into space...here I am!

Start todays discussion by asking this: Looking into your own perceptions **ask:** Who is Jesus to you?

Discuss?: Who is Jesus to your siblings? Best friend? co worker?

WHO IS HE?

Statement of faith of the C&MA

"Jesus Christ is both God and man who died as a substitutionary sacrifice, was resurrected, ascended to heaven and will return to establish His kingdom." (C&MA retrieved 2013-03-19)

A.B. Simpson articulated the Alliances core theology as the Christological "Four Fold Gospel": Jesus Christ as Saviour, Sanctifier, healer and soon coming king."

(Four Fold Gospel" Christian & Missionary Alliance - Retrieved 2013-03-29)

But, who is Jesus? Read Colossians I: 15-23

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| 1:15 _____ | Impacts me How? _____ |
| 1:16 _____ | Impacts me How? _____ |
| 1:17 _____ | Impacts me How? _____ |
| 1:18 _____ | Impacts me How? _____ |
| 1:19 _____ | Impacts me How? _____ |
| 1:20 _____ | Impacts me How? _____ |

This is who Jesus is...if we believe that, what does that mean to us?

The call of this Jesus, this confronting Jesus, leads (or condemns) us to lives of radical change, both inwardly and outwardly. As Bonhoeffer stated in his book "The Cost of Discipleship" "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die".

Paul wrote, "I have been crucified *with* Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me."

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- The Forgotten God

- Francis Chan

PRAYER ITEMS

Refer to these during the week.

- Government - Prime Minister; - Premier

Taylor W. Australia
ministry outside the Compound
- Finances for 2nd year

Kara H

Teaching and ministering in Beihai, China
& Takua Pa, Thailand
She is having problems with her stomach.

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Discuss what C.S. Lewis said: "We may note in passing that he was never regarded as a mere moral teacher. He did not produce that effect on any of the people who actually met him. He produced mainly three results - **Hatred-Terror-Adoration**. There was no trace of people expressing mild admiration."

Romans 12:1 what does this mean in our daily lives?

Discuss this in real practical ways _____

Here is a question? Do we Submit to have Jesus Christ as Master of my life in absolutely every way? Is that truly the desire of our hearts?

John Stott - "The Christian is under both **instruction and authority**...he believes what he believes because Jesus taught it, and he does what he does because Jesus told him to do it."

How do you submit in your life, work? _____

And what did Jesus teach...

(Matt. 16:24-25) _____

(Luke 14: 25-26) (hatred = degree of separation) _____

John 14:159 (love not separated from obedience) _____

KEY QUESTION



Discuss this statement: "Almost unknowingly, we shrink back from this cost, choosing to redefine Christianity according to our personal preferences, church traditions, and cultural norms. Slowly, subtly, we take the Jesus of the Bible and twist him into someone with whom we are a little more comfortable. We dilute what he says about the cost of following him, we disregard what he says about those who choose not to follow him, we practically ignore what he says about materialism, and we functionally miss what he says about mission. We pick and choose what we like and don't like from Jesus' teachings. In the end, we create a nice, non-offensive, politically correct, middle class, American Jesus who looks like us and thinks like us." -David Platt, "Follow Me" pg. 26

Discuss this statement: "Could we be perpetuating an image of Jesus that fits our pious expectations but does not match the person portrayed so vividly in the gospels?" Philip Yancy

Here is what I know, or have learned from my study this week...the confronting Jesus.

1. He is the way, the only way.
2. Sin separates us **from** God...it did and it still does.
3. **We must live radically differently from those around us in the world.**
4. We love, and we win!

"As many have learned and later taught, you don't realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have." Tim Keller
It is all about Jesus!

What did you hear or see this week?

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, What is God asking you to do about today's discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this? For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center? How can we your group, brothers and sisters help you ?