

# PALM SUNDAY

## EASTER: MYTH OR REALITY?

MESSAGE: DAVID SUNDMAN

MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE, SHAWN HOELSCH

APRIL 5, 2020

### *THE SERVANT KING IS CRUCIFIED*

Jesus' crucifixion displays his innocent sufferings and kingly glory.

1. Jesus patiently endures slanderous accusations before Pontius Pilate (23:1-5)

**Luke 23:1** Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. **2** And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." **3** And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." **4** Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." **5** But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

2. Herod offers scorn and abuse, but no judgement of wrong-doing (23:7-11)

**Luke 23:7** And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. **8** When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. **9** So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. **10** The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. **11** And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.

3. Despite pronouncing his innocence, Pilate gives in to demands for Jesus' death (23:20-25)

**Luke 23:20** Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, **21** but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" **22** A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." **23** But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. **24** So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. **25** He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

4. Jesus magnanimously pardons his enemies even as they crucify him (23:32-38)

**Luke 23:32** Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. **33** And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **34** And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. **35** And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" **36** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine **37** and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" **38** There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

5. Jesus grants a kingly favor to a repentant thief (23:39-43)

**Luke 23:39** One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" **40** But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? **41** And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." **42** And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." **43** And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

6. Jesus ordains the moment of his death and receives an honorable burial (23:44-46, 50-53)

**Luke 23:44** It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, **45** while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **46** Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

**Luke 23:50** Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, **51** who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. **52** This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **53** Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.

## SONGS

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)" - Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown

"Freedom" - Valley Bible Worship (Dan Gillette)

"Great Are You Lord" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"King of My Heart" - John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$51,341.00  
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$444,334.00  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$454,727.00