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Jesus Knows What He is Riding into...

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Luke 19:38

Have you ever been guilty of misinterpreting a situation? How many times have you said to yourself: if only I had known then what I know now? The old saying "hindsight is always 20/20" certainly has relevance in our lives, as it did for the disciples when Jesus came riding into Jerusalem during His triumphal entry. (John 12:16)

Palm Sunday is the day we observe that triumphal entry. In the Christian tradition, Palm Sunday serves as a preparation of one's heart for the agony of Jesus' passion and the joy of His resurrection. It's the beginning of that fateful week in which Jesus entered the holy city to face His cross. Here our Lord would drink the cup of suffering. By the end of the week, He would be betrayed, arrested, tortured, and crucified. His followers would be confused, disoriented, and scattered. But not this day...

This day, riding a donkey, Jesus entered the city and is greeted by ecstatic crowds waving palm branches in celebratory honor. The adulation! The applause! They loved Him on this day, but were suddenly ready to kill Him by Thursday. How fickle this crowd would prove to be. Within a few days, many of those same voices shouting, "Hosanna" would turn to raging howls of "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" (Luke 23:21)

Momentarily, while the crowds were enamored with Jesus, the disciples are probably feeling pretty good. It seems like everything is falling into place for a new earthly kingdom to emerge. Jerusalem is welcoming their king. The people are anticipating a Messiah who will rescue them politically and free them from societal oppression - to overthrow the Roman Empire and reestablish Israel's power in the world. But God is up to something much bigger.

Jesus is about to turn the whole system upside down. He rides in on a lowly donkey. Some 500 years prior to Jesus' arrival in



Jerusalem, the prophet Zechariah had already prophesied this event would take place precisely in this fashion (Zechariah 9:9), adding to over 300 other Old Testament prophecies Jesus fulfilled.

In the ancient Biblical world, a leader rode on a horse to declare war, but on a donkey to signify peace. Jesus didn't come with violence. He didn't come with bloodshed. He didn't come with hostility. He came in humility and servitude - to give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). He didn't take life; He gave up His own life to save the world.

Once the crowd saw no more political capital in Jesus, they turned on Him overnight. But Jesus knew what He was riding into. He came to suffer and die for the sins of the world. By triumphing over the grave, the risen King of glory has established a kingdom that is not of this world - but a Kingdom that has conquered this world.

Jesus knows full well what He is riding into in your life. He knows the hurt, the loneliness, the grief, the betrayal, the anger, the doubt, the despair, the exhaustion, the weariness, and the constant struggle. He knows all the madness. Yet your King lived, beloved - and He will indeed triumph over every last bit of it.



WHOSOEVER

A SERIES BY PASTOR R. SCOTT HOCKER

SUNDAYS @ 10:40AM & WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM



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Fridays at 5:30 pm

Desert Hills Baptist Church

MIXED ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAYS @ 12:00 PM

Let. by Judy Bowen

We are studying the book of Colossians

* Please Bring a Snack Lunch!

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Sermon Notes

CELEBRATE EASTER

Easter Sunday is one of our busiest Sundays of the year here at Desert Hills Baptist Church and there are a few things that we need to be very conscience of.

Pastor Scott is requesting that our members sit toward the center of the row so that visitors and others coming in don't have to crawl over us to get to their seats.

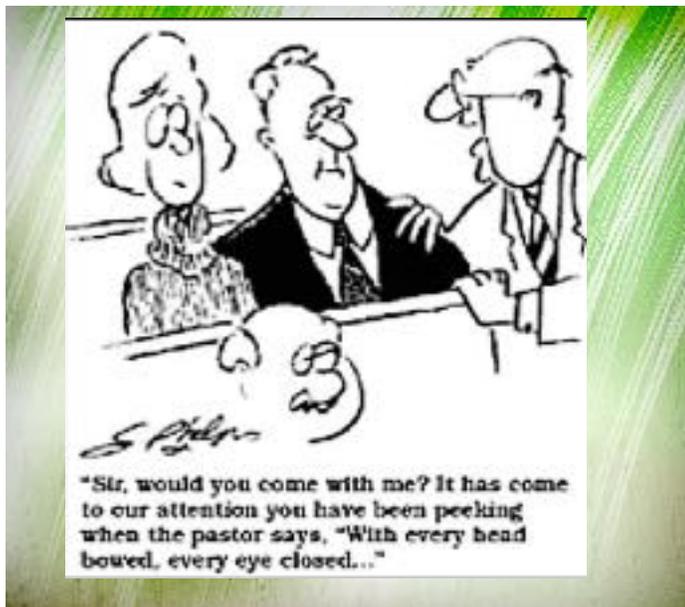
Also, please park on the outer edges of our campus, so that our visitors may have the parking spaces that are closest to the church building.

Unfortunately there are many people that only come to church on Easter, let's give them a reason to want to come back more than that.

Thank you for your effort in this request and don't forget that we are having Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am.

We look forward to seeing you, and then returning for our Sunday School and Worship Celebration at our regular times.

Reminder.....
Please be sure that all calls to Pastor go through the office.



"Sir, would you come with me? It has come to our attention you have been peeking when the pastor says, "With every head bowed, every eye closed..."

UPCOMING EVENTS

at DHBC
Don't just watch & listen, GET INVOLVED!

Sunday 3/28

- 8:30 am
- * Choir / Music Practice 9:30 - 10:30 am
- * Sunday School - ALL Ages 10:40 am
- * Youth Led Service
- * Worship
- * Children's Worship
- * Nursery

Wednesday 3/31

- 5:30 pm
- * Prayer Warriors Meet 6:30 pm
- * Worship Service
- * Youth Bible Study

Thursday, 4/1

- 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- ** Food Truck Jamboree

Friday, 4/2

- 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- * Food Pantry 5:30 pm
- * Celebrate Recovery

Saturday, 4/3

- 9:30 am
- KKVV 1060 am
- "The Unashamed" 12:00 pm
- * Mixed Bible Study 5:00 pm
- * Choir Rehearsal

COVID-19

Community UPDATE

DHBC Protocol Reminder

If you have been in contact recently with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, please quarantine yourself for 14 days. Please let us know and we will see you upon your return!

Desert Hills Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs 10:00am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 - 5:30 pm
Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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