



PALM SUNDAY

LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE TITLE: THE GRACE OF THE CROSS

“And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. 34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. 35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. 36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, 37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. 38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:33-43)

INTRODUCTION

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.” (Zechariah 9:9)

“Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 118:25-26)



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1. THE _____ OF HIS GRACE

A. A _____ Place

Definition: *Calvary*—also called “Golgotha” in Hebrew meaning “place of the skull”

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

B. A _____ Place

IT WAS REAL PAIN

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:” (Galatians 3:13)

IT WAS REDEMPTIVE PAIN

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;” (Romans 3:24–25)

Quote: “We took our sins and drove them like nails through His hands and feet. We lifted Him high up on the cross of our transgressions, and then we pierced His heart through with the spear of our unbelief.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

2. THE _____ WHO SAW HIS GRACE

Definition: *stood beholding*—to be a spectator, to view attentively

“And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, 40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.” (Matthew 27:39–40)

A. The _____

Definition: *derided*—to sneer or scoff at, to turn up the nose at

“He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.” (Matthew 27:43)



B. The _____

THE MOCKING

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:3-5)

THE MESSAGE

Quote: “The inscription was written in Greek, on account of the Hellenistic Jews, who were then at Jerusalem because of the Passover; it was written in Latin, that being the language of the government under which he was crucified; and it was written in Hebrew, that being the language of the place in which this deed of darkness was committed.”—**Adam Clarke Commentary**

C. The _____

Definition: *malefactors*—evil doers, employed to do wicked things

“Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.” (Matthew 27:38)

A BLASPHEMER

Definition: *railed on*—to speak evil of, speak impiously, revile

A BELIEVER

“We love him, because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

“The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.” (Matthew 27:44)

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:21)

Quote: “Moreover, true repentance never exists except in conjunction with faith, while on the other hand, wherever there is true faith, there is also real repentance.”—**Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology**



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3. THE _____ OFFERED BY HIS GRACE

Quote: “The sinless One took on the face of a sinner so that we sinners could take on the face of a saint.”

A. A _____ for Sin

*“Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?”
(Mark 2:9)*

“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” (John 20:28-29)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

B. A _____ for the Saved

PARADISE

HEAVEN

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:1-3)

CONCLUSION

Quote: “There is a great difference between realizing, ‘On the cross He was crucified,’ and ‘On the cross He was crucified for ME.’”

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Acts 4:12)



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