

Aveleigh's Year of the Bible, Sixth Sunday in Lent, March 25 2018

PALM SUNDAY

Sermon: THE HOSANNA MOMENT

Text: John 12: 12-15

**1. THE PALM SUNDAY ORIGINAL CAST:
THE CROWD, Their Perspective - What's in it for me?**

When they thought Jesus was there to fulfill their wishes: “. . . *Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel!*” John 12:13b (NIV)

When they realized Jesus was not going to do what they expected:
“But they shouted, ‘Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!’” John 19:15a (NIV)

Result: OUR tendency to be self-centered leads to SELF DECEPTION.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS, Their Perspective - I'm in control. *“The Pharisees said to each other, ‘We've lost. Look—the whole world has gone after him.’”* John 12:19 (TLB)

Result: OUR desire for control creates our hard unteachable hearts.

THE DISCIPLES, Their Perspective -Not like this. *“From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. ‘Heaven forbid, Lord,’ he said. ‘This will never happen to you!’”* Mat 16:21-22 (NLT)

Result: OUR lack of trust in God's plan produces our blindness to what God is doing.

**PART 2. BUT HERE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JESUS ENTERS OUR
LIFE OR SITUATION:**

1. JESUS CREATES A BEAUTIFUL DISRUPTION.

“Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.” Matthew 4:19-20 (NLT)

Once conscious thinking ceases, _____ patterns take over.

Stuck in a R.U.T. = R_____ U_____ T_____

2. JESUS OFFERS US A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Perspectives should _____ as our relationship with Jesus _____.
“His disciples didn’t understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.” John 12:16 (NLT)

Perspectives must be framed by _____ not _____.

3. JESUS’ DESIRE IS TO SHARE WITH US A HOSANNA MOMENT.

Relief from the _____.
“He told them, ‘My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.’” Matthew 26:38 (NLT)

Room to _____
“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.’” Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

The Key: _____
“He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, ‘My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’” Matthew 26:39 (NLT)

PRAYER: Father, thank you so very much for the entrance you make into our life. Thank you, Lord, that even with the dumb things that I do, even with my struggles and my failures, my letdowns, you still love me and you’re still there to take me in. You’re there to forgive me. Lord, I pray today for those who are here who have not made the decision to follow you. That they’ll understand how much you truly love them. They’ll understand, Lord, that you want to do great things in their life but they have to let you in. For my brothers and sisters who, like me at times, feel that crushing weight of life. I pray, Lord, that you would remind them that if they’ll just surrender to you, that you’ll come in and give them that hosanna moment. Lord Jesus. Amen.

FOUR FOR THE ROAD: Discuss the fill in the blank lines above.