

Servants' Quarters Fellowship
Individual or Small Group Home Worship
20200405 Service
202014 Week

Put Away all Distractions (TV, Cell Phone, etc)

Theme-

"The Parades of Passover" (using the NIV version of Scripture)

Call to Worship (read or sing) "If We Don't Praise"

If we don't sing if we don't shout If we don't lift up the name of the Lord If we don't praise His holy name Then the rocks and the stones will cry out
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Prayer of Worship (read out loud)

Lord, I come to You on this special Sunday of the Easter Season missing my fellow worshipers and hurting for all of humanity suffering from this virus emergency. May we all come to sing Your praises. Amen

Blessings Review (Sharing ((listing)) how the Heavenly Father has blessed you this past week)

Sharing a Scripture that Touched you this Past Week

Sharing Any Concerns You Have

Questions that Need a "Yes" Answer

In the past week . . .

Have you treated those you've encountered with the respect Christ would give?

Have your financial dealings been full of kingdom integrity?

Has there been purity in the things you've read and the things you've watched?

Have you had daily injections of God's word into your character?

Have you encouraged your spouse?

Have you encouraged your children?

Have you honored your parents?

Have you encouraged others to spiritual maturity?

Are you at peace with God?

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, I thank You for how You have cared for me. I thank You that even if this virus consumes me, You have prepared a place for those who desire to walk with You. Please cleanse me from my selfishness and prepare me for eternity. Amen

Giving to Local and International Ministry

(Prepare your offering for Mailing or APP or Online Giving ((when Available))) (SQF, 1429 Sabal Palm Dr., Edgewater, FL 32132)

Question of the Day

"What is Palm Sunday all about?"

Scripture of the Old Testament (read out loud)

Ex 12:1-14 (The Passover)

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire — head, legs and inner parts. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn — both men and animals — and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord — a lasting ordinance. NIV

Scripture of the New Testament (read out loud)

1 Cor 5:7

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. NIV

Teaching of the Day- "The Parades of Passover" (starting with Palm Sunday)

Introduction-

This is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday was the Sunday before the Jewish Passover meal. The Passover account happened in Exodus 12 in order to free those who were to become the Pastors of God from slavery and move them to their base of operations in what we call Israel today. That "Passover" event, and its annual celebration, prepared the way for God's Son to become **the Passover Lamb** for all of mankind. His earthly ministry culminated in this event. And, this event involved **many short journeys** (parades for public viewing "by" Christ or "for" Christ) over a period of a few days. We look at these "Parades of Passover" as we worship today.

The Parade of the Triumphant Entry (of the Palms-thus Palm Sunday)

Luke 19

29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. . . . 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ((Zech 9.9) MT 21 -5. . . See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.")) 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ((John 12) 13 They took **palm branches** and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!") 37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, **the stones will cry out.**" NIV

The Parade to the Temple Cleansing (Christ and His followers journeyed to the Temple)

Luke 19:45-46

45 Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling.
46 "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" NIV

The Parade of the Timber Cutters

(**Pastor David's opinion**) At some point near this time, some timber cutters had to have gone to cut the wood for Christ's cross. Christ's cross was probably made of new beams of wood, as Christ and Simon had to carry it to the place of crucifixion. It was not already there as a used one would be. (Mark 15 . . . 20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to

crucify him. 21 A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. 22 They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).
NIV

The Parade to the Teaching (of the Passover) (Christ and His followers moved to the Meal location)

Luke 22

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." . . . 19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." 20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. NIV

The Parade to the Tension in the Garden (Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane)

Luke 22:39-44

39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." 41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. NIV

The Parade of the Trials of the Christ

Luke 22. . . 54 Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest.

Luke 22. . . 66 At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

Luke 23. . . 1 Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. NIV

The Parade to the Tortuous Death

Mark 15:20

20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Parade to the Tomb Placement

Luke 23 . . . 50 Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, 51 . . . He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for

the kingdom of God. 52 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. 53 Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

ILLUSTRATION-

On February 15, 1947 Glenn Chambers boarded a plane bound for Quito, Ecuador to begin his ministry in missionary broadcasting. But he never arrived. In a horrible moment, the plane carrying Chambers crashed into a mountain peak and spiraled downward. Later it was learned that before leaving the Miami airport, Chambers wanted to write his mother a letter. All he could find for stationery was a page of advertising on which was written the single word "WHY?" Around that word he hastily scribbled a final note. After Chambers's mother learned of her son's death, his letter arrived. She opened the envelope, took out the paper, and unfolded it. Staring her in the face was the question "WHY?"

No doubt this was the question Jesus' disciples asked when He was arrested, tried, and crucified. And it was probably the question Joseph of Arimathea asked himself as he approached Pilate and requested the Lord's body (v.58). It must have nagged at him as he wrapped the body in a linen cloth, carried it to his own freshly hewn tomb, and rolled the massive stone into its groove over the tomb's mouth. In the face of his grief, Joseph carried on. He did what he knew he had to do. None of Jesus' relatives were in a position to claim His body for burial, for they were all Galileans and none of them possessed a tomb in Jerusalem. The disciples weren't around to help either.

But there was another reason for Joseph's act of love. In Isaiah 53:9, God directed the prophet to record an important detail about the death of His Messiah. The One who had no place to lay his head would be buried in a rich man's tomb. Joseph probably didn't realize that his act fulfilled prophecy. The full answer to the **why** of Jesus' death was also several days away for Joseph and the others. All he knew was that he was now a disciple of Jesus -- and that was enough to motivate his gift of love.

Today in the Word, April 18, 1992.

ASSIGNMENT

John 20:21

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Make two or more phone calls/ texts/ emails/ cards/ letters a day

one SQF attender

one non-Church person

come up with creative ideas to encourage the lonely

Prayer of Commitment and Worship

Heavenly Father, Some may ask "why" Jesus died. I know He died to become our "Passover Lamb." Thank You for this gift of moving us from slavery to our own selfishness, to new lives of being pastors to other people. Amen

Hymn of Praise (read or sing) "If We Don't Praise"

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