

The Palm Sunday Walk

Luke 19: 28-44

I. The Palm Sunday Cry

Hosanna – Save us

In Acts 16: 31 Paul told the Philippian jailer, ***“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”***

Romans 10: 9 ***“if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”***

Saved from what? Condemnation!

John 3: 36 ***“He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him.”***

John 3: 18 ***“For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned...”***

II. The Palm Sunday Reply

He surrendered to the task that was ahead of Him: Matthew 16: 21 ***“From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.”***

Philippians 2: 8 “...He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

III. The Palm Sunday Product

Arrested / Executed / Buried / Resurrection

Future Judgement Transformed!

Two Judgements now:

Romans 8: 1 ***“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.”***

II Corinthians 5: 9-10 ***“Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”***

1st Corinthians 3: 12-13 ***“Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”***

Romans 14: 9-12 ***“For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”***

Beama – a raised up seat of judgment...

1. The Purpose of the Beama seat is NOT to see whether a person comes into heaven or not. That has already been decided. If one is before the Beama they are in heaven.
2. The purpose of the Beama is NOT to punish believers for sins that they have committed after they became a believer. As Paul said to the Romans in chapter 8: 1, ***“There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit.”***

The scripture is clear. No child of God will be judged for sins committed if they are in Christ Jesus!

Why??? Because our sins have already received the judgement and punishment of God when Jesus came to surrender on Palm Sunday.

Psalms 103: 10-12 ***“He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.”***

Micah 7: 19 ***“He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”***

Hebrews 8: 12 ***“For I will be merciful to their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”***

1st John 1: 7 ***“...if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin”***

What then is the purpose of the Beama judgement? Rewarding Christian’s Stewardship!

1st Corinthians 4: 2 The apostle Paul says that all Christians should conduct themselves as faithful Stewards of God. ***“Moreover it is required in Stewards, that a man be found faithful. And the apostle Peter writes in 1st Peter 4: 10 “Minister... as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”***

In the NT a steward is a manager of loaned materials. If we have been cleared from the law and the condemnation brought on us by the law and our sin, we are now called to steward our freedom by Stewarding our Time, Treasures and our Talents!

- In the Past God dealt with us as sinners!

Ephesians 2: 1-3 “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved. So hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

1st Corinthians 6: 9-11 “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

Romans 5: 6-8 “For when we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”

- In the Present, God deals with us as Sons!

Romans 8: 14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.”

Hebrews 12: 5-11 “And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou are rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth he chaseth and scourgeth every son...”

1st John 3: 1,2 “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Behold, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.”

- In the Future, God will deal with us at the Beama Seat as Stewards!

What are the categories that will matter at the Beama Seat?

1. How we treat other believers ***“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”*** (Hebrews 6: 10)
2. How we exercise our authority over others ***“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”*** (Hebrews 13: 17)
3. How we employ our God given abilities (2nd Timothy 1: 6)
4. How we use our money (1st Timothy 6: 17-19 and 2nd Corinthians 9: 6,7)
5. How much we suffer for Jesus (Matt. 5: 11-12)
6. How we spend our Time (Ephesians 5: 16 and Colossians 4; 5)
7. How we run that particular race which God has chosen for us (1st Corinthians 9: 24)
8. How effectively we control the old Nature (1st Corinthians 9: 25-27)
9. How many souls we witness to and win (1st Thessalonians 2: 19-20)
10. *How we react to temptation* (James 1: 2-3)
11. *How much the coming of Jesus means to you* (2nd Timothy 4: 8)
12. *How faithful we are to the Word of God and the flock of God* (1st Peter 5: 2-4 and 2nd Timothy 4: 1,2)

What is possible at the Beama Seat?

Some will receive rewards but not all:

1. *The incorruptible crown – given to those who master the old nature* (1st Corinthians 9: 25-27)
2. *The crown of rejoicing – given to those who soul win* (Proverbs 11: 30 and 1st Thessalonians 2: 19-20)
3. *The crown of Life – given to those who successfully endure temptation* (James 1; 2,3)
4. *The crown of Righteousness – given to those who especially love the doctrines of his coming* (2nd Timothy 4: 8)
5. *The Crown of Glory – given to faithfully preaching and teaching* (1st Peter 5: 2-4 and 2nd Timothy 4: 1,2)

Some will suffer loss:

1st Corinthians 3: 15 ***“If any man’s works shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; ye so as by fire.”***

2nd John 8 ***“Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.”***

Colossians 2: 18 ***“Let no man beguile you of your reward...”***

Revelation 3: 11 ***“Behold come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”***

Then we come to the Great White Throne Judgement (Revelation 20: 11)

Those who will come before this Judgement Seat are still under Condemnation! Why? Because they were sent an invitation but did not RSVP!

RSVP (Répondez s'il vous plaît) Respond if you please!

Jesus responded to the Hosanna cries – Save us, Save us – by surrendering to His death and in turn created an invitation: Whosoever will, come!

John 1: 11-12 **He came unto His own, and his own received him not. But as many as receive Him, to them gave He power to become Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”**