Classen Blvd. Baptist Church

SONday morning

March 24, 2024

CALL to PRAYER -

Lord's Prayer / Model Prayer

Exodus 12:1-6 - Picking the Perfect Lamb

Intro - Special day...Lord's Day & Lord's Supper day (Christian Sabbath & Supper). Our observance of this ordinance was scheduled for the 1st Sonday in March, but we moved it to today because today is *Palm Sonday*. The day our Lord rode into Jerusalem was a special day. It was not just a random day; it was a set day, a decreed day, a foreordained day...a prophetic day. It was a scheduled day, marked on the calendar, four days before Passover. It was on this set day that the people of God would pick the perfect lamb to be their substitute. On the very day the nation was choosing the Passover lamb...the *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*, rode into town on a donkey. Unbeknownst to them they were ultimately fulfilled the prescribed biblical ritual...and they didn't even know it. They missed it though they participated in it. Today, we are also going to observe a religious ritual, but I don't want us to miss the meaning as we prepare for the eating. This Palm Sonday we get to *pick the Perfect Lamb* and so acknowledge something that is true about Jesus that is not true about any of the rest of us. Today we get to wave some palm branches (if you will) and say that only Jesus Christ of Nazareth is perfect.

THE OLD RITUAL

- > The first Passover was a calendar changing event.
 - Exodus 12:1-2 The Passover changed everything about how life was to be ordered.
- > The Passover was a scheduled event...but so was something four days before.
 - o Exodus 12:3, 6
 - The Passover was observed on the 14th....
 -but picking the Passover lamb happened on the 10th.
- ➢ Not any old lamb would do. The lamb must be unblemished. Ex. 12:5
 - Inspect the flock and pick out the flawless lamb to be sacrificed.
 - Find the flawless one on the 10th. Sacrifice *the flawless* on the 14th.
 - This ritual was religiously observed for centuries ... then the ritual was fulfilled.

THE OLD RITUAL FULFILLED...BLINDLY

> Palm Sonday "just happened" to land on Selection Sonday...

• ... the date on the calendar when the nation inspected the flock to find the flawless

- > Jesus rides into town on a donkey on the 10^{th} day of the month
 - The crowds roll out the red carpet palm branches...clothes laid in the road...
 - They were singing Psalm 118 (118:22-26)
 - The religious rulers were indignant, but the crowd enthralled Luke 19:39-40
 - It was Selection Sonday...this was "the day." Psalm 118:24
- > Thought they fulfilled it they didn't understand it....they missed the meaning
 - o John 12:12-16
 - Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they missed it and didn't understand *the day*.
 - Luke 19:40-42

THE NEW RITUAL OBSERVED BELIEVINGLY

- > The Passover was the forerunner to The Supper
 - Jesus used the Passover to institute the ordinance of the Supper
 - All of the happenings are rich with meaning....lets not observe it but miss it
- Before we eat, we need to pick.
 - We acknowledge that something is true of Jesus...and nobody but Jesus
 - "To err is human."
 - Jesus was fully human, but He is a perfect human.
 - Jesus is the Flawless One
 - Born of a virgin...a holy Child....a perfect Child Luke 1:35
 - Subject to His parents....never disobeyed Luke 2:51
 - Always about His Father's business John 8:29
 - The Fathers testimony at: Baptism Matt. 3:17 & Transfiguration Matt. 17:5
 - John 8:46
 - Even His enemies acknowledged His impeccability -
 - Judas Matt. 27:4
 - Pilate John 18:38 John 19:4-6 washed his hands Matt. 27:24
 - Four days before the crowds yelled "*Crucify*!" they yelled "*Glorify*!"
 - They had picked Him as the Perfect One on Selection Sonday.
- ➢ We come today to celebrate something that is true of Jesus...and no one but Jesus.
 - o 1 John 1:5 1 John 3:5
 - o Jesus is the Perfect One /Sinless Savior/Righteous Redeemer/Spotless Lamb
 - o 2 Cor. 5:21
 - Isaiah 53:6 1 Peter 1:18-19
- > On this Palm Sonday remember that it is Selection Sonday...wave the palm branches
 - We say "*to err is human.*" But there is One Sinless Human who sacrificed Himself to save sinful humans.
 - It is ironic that the human race fell into sin by eating forbidden food.
 - Jesus resisted temptation by not eating bread. (Luke 4:1-4)
 - Heb. 4:15
 - o Jesus didn't eat so that we may eat. Let us rejoice and celebrate Him!
 - Jesus is everything we are not and gives us everything that He is!
 - Wave the palms and celebrate!

Open Communion	Fencing the Table	Examine Yourself	Solemn Celebration
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"Man of Sorrows"