

Palm Sunday

Courageous King



Study Guide

Introduction

It takes courage to live in the latter days.

How did Jesus do it- to ride into Jerusalem in broad daylight knowing there was a plot to kill Him? Share some ways in which it takes courage to be a Christian in these days.

A. Look at the following ways that Jesus displayed courage during Passion Week, and discuss what this looks like in your life:

1. Courage knows when to shut up (John 12:12-15- Jesus let them call Him King to His own demise.)
2. Courage knows when to speak up (Matt. 21:12-13- the cleansing of the Temple for those who were being exploited).
3. Courage knows how to give up control (Mark 14:10-11- Judas begins the process of betrayal).
4. Courage knows how to love sacrificially (John 13:1-17- Jesus loved them to the end).
5. Courage knows how to cry. (Matthew 26:38- Jesus was fully human and able to cry and yet submit to God's will).

B. God-sized courage comes when we identify with the mission of God.

Notice that the entire week was wrapped around the identity of Jesus. In Matthew 21:10 it says, "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'"

Discuss how identifying with the mission of God gives you more courage to share your faith with others. Share instances of when God has given you His courage to reflect or share who Jesus is with people around you.

Application

Take some time in your group to pray for those who don't yet know Jesus. List them by name and consider inviting them to an Easter Service, or being available to serve them or have a meal with them.

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Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Jesus was courageous, and He inspires us to be the same!

1. Palm Sunday- Triumphal Entry
2. Monday- Parables and Prophecy- Temple Cleansing
3. Tuesday- Parables and Prophecy - Traps
4. Wednesday- Parables and Prophecy - Betrayal Begins
5. Thursday- The Last Supper
6. Friday- Gethsemane; The Trial and Crucifixion

1. Palm Sunday- Triumphal Entry

John 12:12-15

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

Zechariah 9:9. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He; humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Daniel 9:25-26 "Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince... seven weeks...sixty-two weeks...then after the sixty-two weeks an anointed one shall be cut off..."

$7+62=69$ sevens; $69 \times 7's = 483$ years.

March 444BC Artaxerxes to Nehemiah-March 33AD Triumphal Entry- 477 years.
483 years on the Jewish calendar (Lunar- 360).

Courage knows when to shut up.

2. Monday- Parables and Prophecy- Temple Cleansing

Matthew 21:12-13

12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

Courage knows when to speak up.

3. Tuesday- Parables and Prophecy- Traps

Courage knows what is most valuable!

Value # 1- People (Matthew 21:23-27)

23 ... "By what authority are you doing these things, ...?"

Jesus: "...The baptism of John, from heaven or from man"

"They were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet."

3. Tuesday- Parables and Prophecy- Traps

Courage knows what is most valuable!

Value #2- Money! (Mark 12:13-17)

"...Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?... 17 Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

3. Tuesday- Parables and Prophecy- Traps

Courage knows what is most valuable!

Value #3- To Love God! (Matthew 22:34-40)

36...Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

Jesus: 37...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

4. Wednesday- Parables and Prophecy- Betrayal begins

Mark 14:10-11

10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. 11 And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Courage knows how to give up control.

Hebrews 12:2

"...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

5. Thursday- The Last Supper

John 13:1-17

Courage knows how to Love Sacrificially

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

6. Friday- Gethsemane

Matthew 26:38

Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

Courage knows how to Cry.

Big Idea: Jesus was courageous, and He inspires us to be the same!

Matthew 21:10

"When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'"

John 11:27.

"You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is come into the world."

Matthew 16:16.

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

John 4:42.

"We know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

Big Idea+: God-sized courage comes when we Identify with the Mission of God.