

Message: Palm Sunday.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. I wonder what the parade would have been like if they were practicing social distancing. Social distancing has been a major disruption to all of our lives, families, education, government, health care, economy, & church. People our questioning just about everything: health, government, finances, relationships, communication, etc.

But in all of this disruption, in all of the changes we are making culturally to stop the spread we can live with the confidence of hope in God's Word!

I am praying that God will strengthen each of us to live in His power & might of His word & Holy Spirit. It is essential for us to live out our faith, even if it is at a social distance from others & regardless of how difficult it might be!

Don't let fear get a root in your mind. Retrain your mind with God's Word. Choose to look for the opportunities that God has prepared for you!

Announcements:

You can get updates on our Church of the Saviour Website & on the COS Wooster, Ohio Facebook page.

We do have groups meeting on Zoom each week. If you would like to get connected in a small group on Zoom with others from COS please contact Pastor Brent in one of the ways listed below.

If you have an issue you are dealing with that is difficult, if you need food, or if you have a prayer request, you can

**message pastor Brent on Facebook
call or text him at 330-317-6030, or email him at
drbrentdurham@gmail.com or coswoosterohio@gmail.com**

Many people have asked how to get their tithe in during this time. You can mail it or go to the website where you will be directed with steps to sign up. There is also a page that explains the steps that in this document.

Scriptures:

Mt 21:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem & came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, & at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them & bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, & he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle & riding on a donkey, & on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went & did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey & the colt & placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees & spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him & those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred & asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Mk 11:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem & came to Bethphage & Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, & just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it & bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it & will send it back here shortly.'" They went & found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, & the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus & threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead & those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Jesus entered Jerusalem & went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Lk 19: 32-42 "Go to the village ahead of you, & as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it & bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went & found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt & put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 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: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven & glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." As he approached Jerusalem & saw the city, he wept over it & said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Jn 12:12-15 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches & went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey & sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

Observe: What is going on?

Matthew 21:1-11 — Mark 11:1-11—Luke 19:32-42 — John 12:12-15

-Who really knew who Jesus was?

Disciples	—	A Miracle working Messiah.
Crowd	—	A Messiah to overthrow Rome.
Pharisees	—	A Messiah that threatened their power.
Romans	—	A Messiah without power.

They all had information about Jesus.

They didn't have intimacy with Jesus.

They didn't know what they didn't know.

-Who really knows what Jesus is doing?

Jesus is fulfilling prophecy. **Zech 9:9; Ps 118:25-26**

Jesus is making a significant statement.

Jesus is compassionate for those who are lost. **Lk 19:41; Jn 17**

Jesus is realizing the immensity & sacredness of the moment.

Apply: What are you doing with the information?

Do you know about Jesus, or do you really know Jesus? **Jn 15:1-7**

Who do you know that doesn't know Jesus? **Jn 3:16; Lk 15:4-7, 19:10; Rom 3:23**

What are you doing to introduce them to Jesus? **Mt 5:16; Rom 10:17; Acts 1:8**

What keeps you from introducing them to Jesus? **Rom 1:16; Mt 28:19-20**

In times of crisis:

remember that God's people do not face their crisis alone; they have divine help.

keep your eyes on God because things may get worse before they get better.

you should pray the promises of God.

rely on God, not yourself.

Don't live in fear. Know that God is in control.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, Your gift of Jesus & the grace I have through Him. Father Your Word is a lamp to my feet & a light to my path, thank You for the Lord Jesus Christ, the living Word made flesh, Who has life in Himself & is the light of the world in Whom is no darkness at all. Father more than anything else I desire to be immersed in that light of Jesus Christ so that the light of His love & grace may shine through me to those in my life, especially at this time when the circumstances of life seem to be uncertain. You have called us to be light in the world, to reflect the glory & light of Christ. Empower me through Your Holy Spirit to reflect the image of Jesus, so that others may see my good works & glorify You. Father like Jesus I realize that this requires me to decrease to nothing so that He may increase in everything & become all in all. Father purify me & purge out anything that diminishes the light & love of Christ in me, so that Jesus is lifted up. Father transform my life to be so translucent & unclouded that Christ may be seen in me. I pray this in the strong & mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Please pray for these people:

Elise Hoyle	Deana Hamilton	Nancy Musser
Peggy Basinger	Sam & Janice Campbell	Wes Chapman
Dave Chapman	Lynn Winn	Rusty Shore
Cindy Grossjean	Tanner McDaniel	Steve Miller
Donna Herman	Don & Cory Tate	Alice Seamon
Chip Willis	Frank & Ruth Raymond	Erika Moore
Tanya Anderson	Rod Fought	Nicole Walton
Jerry & Jan Durham	Nick Franks	Betty Smith
Bennet Michael Owen	Betty Becker	Joe Cable
Pat Courtney	Tom & Carol Hardy	Joanna McClure
Sandy Maxwell	Don & Joni Snyder	August Wright
Francis Mwanzi	Bill & Annabelle Moore	James Stanley

Please pray for all our missionaries

Please pray for our ministry staff

Please pray for COS's finances

This weeks declaration:

I will serve others this week like Jesus did.

I will put others needs before my own.

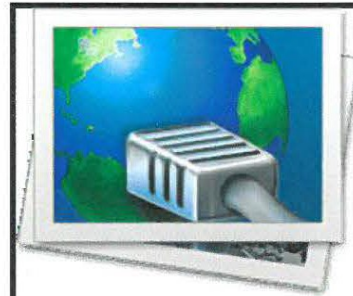
I listen & look for God's direction.

While we are dealing with the “shelter in place” order Easter is only a week away. I would like to ask you to take red ribbons & pin or tape them to your door posts, as a symbol of the blood that was placed over the doors of the children of Israel’s homes at Passover , when God freed them from Egypt, just to show this world & satan that our God is still able to deliver His people from any & everything that tries to put us in bondage.

We are His children, we are His favorites, we are His property, & He loves us as no one else can. Let us show the world that we believe His word, & we are His.

This is to let the world know that we believe the word of God,

Let’s get the word out! God is still in control, He is our ONLY hope. Cover those door post & stand on His promise of protection for His people.



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