

Emmanuel Prayer List - April

Prayer for EBC Easter Drama and other Church Services in PEC

- Pastors and staff good health and protection.
For actors in the drama: Protection from illness, motivated to praise and worship God
- To those who come to the drama will experience the Holy Spirit and give their lives to Jesus
- Our church family will boldly invite neighbours, family, friends to the Easter Services.
- We, as Christians, will sense a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit and remember Jesus' sacrifice
- May our hearts be full of thanksgiving and praise
- Other churches will worship and hear the message of the cross this Easter

Study Continued

7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4. In what ways do you think that Satan has blinded people's hearts and minds to the Gospel?
8. Just under 40 years after Jesus' crucifixion, the Israelites rebelled against their Roman oppressors, which culminated in the total destruction of the Temple, the city and the nation (As prophesied by Jesus). This happened because they, "did not recognize the time of God's coming," to them. Rejecting Jesus has its consequences in our lives. In this world, and of course, eternally. What can we do to make sure that we recognise, 'God's coming to us'?
9. Read Mark 15:1-15. The people who were proclaiming Jesus as their Messiah, one week later were shouting, "Crucify Him!" Verse 11 says, "the chief priests stirred up the crowd." Why were the people so easily swayed?

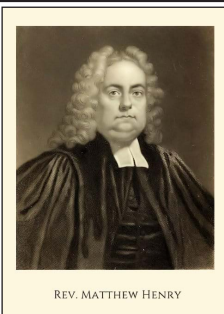
How easily influenced are we by the actions of others?

What can we do to make sure that we don't turn our backs on Jesus, and continue to serve Him, no matter how great the pressure?

THE PEACE OF GOD

"When Christ died He left a will in which He gave His soul to His Father, His body to Joseph of Arimathea, His clothes to the soldiers, and His mother to John. But to His disciples, who had left all to follow Him, He left not silver or gold, but something far better - His peace!"

Matthew Henry 1662-1714



REV. MATTHEW HENRY



"If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Luke 19:42

Finding Peace

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The Peace of God - Luke 19:28-44

Do you have a 'heavenly' birthday?

GOD COMING TO YOU

Jesus sent 2 disciples on ahead to get a _____ for Jesus to ride

Jesus knew that the owners of the donkey would let it go, to be used of the Lord.
Could Jesus have said that of you, and your possessions, time etc...?

The significance of Jesus coming into Jerusalem riding on a donkey:

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Hosanna =

FINDING PEACE

Luke 19:42 If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace, but now it is _____ from your eyes

Peace =

Ways that people try to find 'peace', in their lives:

2 Cor 4:4 the god of this age has _____ the minds of unbelievers...

Ways that Satan has blinded people to the Gospel:

v.42-44 The consequences of Israel's rejection of Christ:

The kind of Messiah the people were looking for:

The kind of Messiah that Jesus is:

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; _____ peace I give to you...

How is the peace of God different to the peace of the world?

Study Questions

1. Pastor Peter gave examples of some of the many different ways that God reveals Himself to us, to bring us to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. (eg. Storms, accidents, dreams, people etc).
How did God reveal Himself to you, to bring you to Christ?
2. Read Luke 19:28-36 and Matthew 21:1-3. As Jesus came to the Mount of Olives, and the villages of Bethany and Bethphage. He told two of His disciples to go ahead and bring a donkey, that was tied up, to Him. Jesus said, "If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away!" (Matt 21:3) Could Jesus say that of you, Is everything you are, and everything you have, given to Jesus?

Is there anything that you hold on to that you would struggle to give for the purposes, or work, of the Lord? (eg. family, time, possessions, money, holidays, reputation etc.)
3. Read Luke 19:37-40. Why did Jesus decide to enter Jerusalem in this manner?

The people laid their cloaks on the ground, as well as palm branches (Matt 21:8), as an acknowledgment of their understanding that Jesus was coming as king and Messiah. In addition, they shouted, "Hosanna (which means 'Save Now'), Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." (Which is a messianic quote from Psalm 118:26). In Luke 19:39, the Pharisees, told Jesus to rebuke His disciples. Why? What do you think was their reason?
4. Read Zechariah 9:9. Zechariah prophesied around the time 520–518 BC when the nation of Israel were in exile in Babylon. Why is it important that Jesus fulfills these Old Testament prophecies?
5. Read Luke 19:41-44. Why did Jesus weep over the city?

Do you think that Jesus is maybe weeping over our villages, towns and cities?
6. Jesus said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes." Describe the peace of God. (Also read John 14:27, John 16:33, Philippians 4:6-7).

Is there any area of your life in which you need the peace of God?