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About Us

South Pacific Christian Ministries is a Non-Denomination Missions Oriented Ministry that sprang out of a small tourist focused church in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. After 16 years serving as the Senior Pastor the LORD redirected our steps from the little chapel by the sea to the small island communities of the South Pacific.

Our Vision is to bring the living water to the small islands of the South Pacific; a vision summed up in the Hawaiian phrase Ke Ola Wai, which means the living water. Ke Ola Wai encompassing our greatest spiritual and physical need, pure spiritual and physical water.

Our Mission is to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people who live on the small islands of the South Pacific that can only be reached by boat. To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their shores, assisting local Pastors, providing Bible Training for believers and conducting outreaches to draw in non-believers. To provide gravity fed, family sized, reverse osmosis water filters; emergency medical supplies; medical services; and disaster response training.

Summary

There are three events in Christianity that are considered most important. Events to be remembered and revered. With each event there were those who knew what was happening and those who did not. Leaders who failed to understand or choose not to. Will you be ready or see what God is doing? Will you be part or stand on the outside.

The message is a good one for a room full of unbelievers. It takes roughly 30 minutes.

Scripture References

Zechariah 9:9	Luke 19:35-38	Mark 14:61-62
Daniel 9:21-26	Matthew 21:8 - 11	John 11:47-48
Luke 19:29-34	Luke 19:41-44	John 14:12



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Sermon Notes

There are three events in Christianity that are considered most important. Events to be remembered and revered. The first is the birth of Christ, the Son of the Most High God. The second is His entry into Jerusalem as their King, the first time. The third is His Crucifixion and Resurrection. Without these events we would have no salvation and no hope for an eternal life. A fourth event is yet to occur, but will soon.

His entry into Jerusalem as their King was prophesied by Zechariah a little over 500 years before the event, just as His birth and Crucifixion was prophesied by the Prophets of old.

Zechariah 9:9

- 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an donkey, and upon a colt the foal of an donkey.

The Prophet Zechariah proclaimed how Jesus would enter Jerusalem as their King, the first time. Humbly on a donkey colt. Bringing salvation to all who would receive.

What he did not disclose in that passage is that Jesus would be rejected the first time, after being accepted by some of the people, many of whom would later turn against Him.

Zechariah may or may not have known what was to take place. That is one of the oddities about prophecy is that you only can declare what God shows you and what He allows you to say. Sometime He tells you something that is for your knowledge only and not to be declared. In either case, we do not know if Zechariah understood the full path that the King of Kings would take. Just because he prophesied it, does not mean He understood it.

The Prophet Daniel, unlike Zechariah, was told that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, would give his life. Daniel did not understand the visions that he had seen, but God sent him an angel who explained the meaning of his visions.

Daniel 9:21-26

- 21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.
- 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and understanding.
- 23 At the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth, and I have come to show you; for you are greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.
- 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.
- 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah, the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.
- 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and its end shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.



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Daniel had been interceding for Israel. As he was praying God sent the angel Gabriel to speak with him. This is the same angel who spoke to Mary, the mother of Jesus. The angel Gabriel gives him understanding and explains the visions to him.

The weeks referenced are period of 7 years, each day representing a year. The city and the temple are rebuilt during trouble times, with much opposition.

Daniel 9:21-26

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As specified by the angel Gabriel, after nearly 500 years, Christ was born, ministered unto the people for a season and then gave Himself upon the cross for our sins. The Messiah was cut off but not for himself, for us. He gave himself for our sins. He could have killed them all with a word, but chose instead to give Himself for us as prophesied by Daniel.

In Luke we see a passage that describes the events that Zechariah prophesied.

Luke 19:29-34

- 29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,
- 30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.
- 31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.
- 32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.
- 33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?
- 34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

Jesus instructs two of his disciples to go a nearby village to retrieve a colt. He tells them where it is and what to say if they are challenged. Regardless of what they might have thought about the assignment, they did what He instructed them to do.

{Rabbit Trail

There are times when the LORD asks us to do things that we do not understand at the moment. It is unknown if His disciples understood why Jesus wanted the donkey. Their obedience is what was important at the moment, just as is ours when He asks us to do things. It is doing this at the His time and according to His directions will bring about what He wants done. It may prevent a problem for us or enable a door of opportunity to open.

A memorable ministry event came about because I obeyed God during a small group meeting prayer time. A woman who was having stomach issues asked for prayer. As was our custom, we had her sit on a chair and gathered around her to pray. God told me to knock her out of the chair. It seemed odd, but I obeyed. I grabbed the back of the chair and shoved it forward, causing her to fall onto the floor. Most of the people gathered about gasped at what I had done. The woman began laughing. She laughed on the floor the rest of the night. She laughed until morning. The next morning she was healed of th stomach problem. Doing what God wants, the way He wants and when He wants will bring about His will.}



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They found the donkey where He said it would be. They untied the colt and when they were challenged by the owner, they responded as instructed. The fact that the owner of the colt did not object once they declared that "The LORD had need of him" says that God either told him in advance or told him at that moment that it was okay.

Luke 19:35-38

- 35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.
- 36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.
- 37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;
- 38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

The disciples thought that Jesus was going to establish His kingdom at that time. They had seen all the miracles that He had performed. They had heard His words as He taught them and the people. They did not know the words of Isaiah or Daniel. They did not know that He would give His life first, before His Kingdom would be established. They laid before Him their clothes and palm leaves so that the colt would not walk on the ground. In doing so, they fulfilled prophecy.

Consider the scene, Jesus is riding on a young donkey, a colt, on His way into Jerusalem. It is a statement declaring His right to rule and who He is. His disciples lay their robes and coats on the ground before Him, others cut palm leaves and lay them down before Him. All of them are praising God for the miracles they had seen. All of them declaring Jesus is their King of Kings by their actions.

Matthew 21:8 - 11

- 8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.
- 9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
- 10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
- 11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew expands on the event to the actions of the people.

They cut palm tree branches and laid them before the LORD, along with their clothes. They joined the disciples in praising God and Christ. They, for that moment, received Him as the prophesied King, the Messiah.

Those of the city of Jerusalem, in particular the Priest and Pharisees, were alarmed by the scene. They questioned why Jesus was allowing it, in fact, even demanded that He make them stop.

Sad to say, that religious leaders are often the first to oppose what God is doing in their midst. Over the last hundred years or so, every major move of God was opposed by religious leaders of the area.

Sometimes it was out of a lack of understanding. Sometimes out of petty jealousy. More often than not because it did not fit within their box. They unfortunately had a religion, not a relationship with God. That being the case, they, just as the Priest and Pharisees during Jesus' ministry on Earth, opposed God's move in their midst.



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With the Priest and Pharisees, their motivation was more self-centered. They feared that Jesus would cause the Romans to come and take their positions and their nation. In other words, they didn't want to lose their position of power and authority.

John 11:47-48

47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

As a Pastor or other leader in a Church it is important that don't stand against what God is doing, even when it goes against the norm. During the Jesus movement of the 60's many churches rejected what God was doing. A lot of believers came out of that movement, some who went on to be Pastors and other significant leaders in the Church.

Luke 19:41-44

41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Jesus wept as He came near unto the city because He knew they would reject Him, and He saw what was to come upon them. He was grieved by what they would suffer because of their actions in this time.

Jesus knew all these things were necessary, but it did not keep Him from being grieved by the suffering to come upon them.

The people, and in particular the Priest and Pharisees, lacking both understanding and any real relationship with God, did not know the time appointed.

When you don't recognize the move of God, an appointed time, you will always miss out. Knowing the appointed time for when God is doing something takes a deep relationship with God, not just a religion.

While there was great things which belonged to the Children of Israel, they would not see it in their life time. They did not know what God had done for them. They did not know what God was presenting them. They had no eyes to see nor ears to hear, so they missed what God desired to do.

It is important to note that Jesus presented Himself as their king, knowing they would reject Him. He gave them the opportunity to accept Him. God knew that Jesus would be rejected, beaten and hung upon a cross. It was event proclaimed by the Isaiah and Daniel, hundreds of years before His time.

It is fortunate for us, that Jesus was crucified, otherwise none of us would have forgiveness for our sins. Jesus paid the price so that all who believed could be saved, not just those who were Jews.



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Every believer is endanger of taking the same path as those of that day did. There are great things that Jesus paid for upon the cross that belong to you. His peace, His provision, His healing power and much more. But if you do not know what belongs to you, you can not take advantage of it.

If you don't understand the full work of the cross then you will fail to receive what He provided.

If you don't accept God's Word as truth, then you wont enjoy the benefits of being a believer.

If Jesus Christ is your LORD and SAVIOR then you are more than just a believer, or a sinner saved by Grace. You are a Child of God, adopted into the family of God. Your are righteous because of His sacrifice. Those facts, those truths, enable you to receive every promise of His Word.

So the question is why don't we see more believers walking in the fulness of the promise. The simple answer is the same as why the Priest and Pharisees failed to recognize the time of visitation, why they failed to enter into His peace, it is a lack of understanding and unbelief.

The degree to which you understand God's Word and the degree to which you accept it as absolute truth is the degree to which you will walk in the fulness of the work of the cross.

We don't see healing in the church on a normal basis because we don't fully believe. We don't see miracles in the church because we don't fully believe. It is written in the Word. It was part of the work of the Cross, but people still don't believe. It says, "By His Stripes we are healed" and "By His stipes we were healed". One a prophesy by Isaiah and the other a statement by Peter. Both statements connected to the same event, the same cross. Why is it harder to believe that your sins are forgiven than God will heal those who needed it.

Men bend over backwards to excuse their unbelief. Some declare that it is was only for the time of the disciples. Others try to claim that God only heals sometimes, leaving others to suffer to teach them something. Some even declare that it means only spiritual healing, not physical. They make a choice not to believe. They reject God's Word and excuse away their unbelief.

Understanding the full work of the cross; what they Word of God says is yours because of and through Jesus Christ, enables you to walk in the fullness of what He paid for. We can enter into the fullness of His rest in the now and be all that Jesus said we could be and do.

John 14:12

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Jesus said that if we believe on Him, then we can do the works that He did and greater works. Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, calmed storms, cast out demons and declared the Word of God. If He did it, by His Word, so can we, if we believe. The question is, do you believe?

There is a time coming when Jesus will again present Himself as King of Kings. At that time all will bow. At that time all will see Him for who He is.



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Mark 14:61-62

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

When He returns all will see Him. Regardless if it is technology or God's power that enables everyone to see His return, all who are alive at that time will see Him. Everywhere in the world His return will be seen at the same time.

The time of His return is near. When? No one can say. Only God knows the day and time. We can interpret the times, but we will not know the day or the hour of His return.

The question for each of us is which side will we be on. Will we stand with those who failed to recognize God's move, or among those who enter into all that God has promised.

The choice is yours. It is a question of religion over relationship. A question of faith and understanding, over doubt and a lack of knowledge.