

- But the people didn't believe God's way was best; wanted their own way...

- How do we know that?

FLASHCARD 1-7

- A few days after this, when the people realized Jesus was not going to save them from the Romans like they thought....

- ... those same people who had cried "Hosanna!" Now cried out something different.

-* This time cried out, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

- How sad! The people were angry; wanted their own way

- They didn't believe that God's way was best

- Many times we are no different; We act just like the people there that day

- We get angry because things don't go the way we think they should... We don't believe God's way is best

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD BELIEVE GOD'S WAY IS BEST

R – Review PAS verse

Isaiah 55:9 – “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

O – Overview PAS examples

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W – Will you do it?

- Maybe you are here today and you are like the people we learned about in Bible lesson ...

- ... Don't realize that what you need most is to be saved from your sin

INVITATION

Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

Life of Christ #19

Matt. 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11;
Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19

-* Have you ever met someone who always thought they were right?

- Maybe when you were arguing, they always had to have the last word

- Or when you played a game, you always had to play by their rules...

- The truth is, we are all a little like that.

- Most of the time, we think we know what is best

- Some people in this true story from the Bible today believed they knew what was best. Listen and see if they were right

-* Jesus and His disciples were heading from Jericho to Jerusalem for Passover celebration

- Passover – special celebration where Israelites, God's special chosen people, remembered how God had saved them from being slaves in Egypt

FLASHCARD 1-1

- Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover too

- When they came near Jerusalem, Jesus & disciples stopped while others continued on

- No one but Jesus knew what was going to happen when they arrived in Jerusalem

- It was the beginning of one of the most important weeks in all of history!

- In less than a week, Jesus was going to die on the cross for sinners like you and me

- He would take the punishment that you and I deserve for our sins

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Galatians 3:22 – “But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin....”

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- You and I deserve the punishment for our sins, but Jesus was going to suffer in our place; that's why He came!

FLASHCARD 1-2

- He was the Only One Who could do that

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- Jesus knew exactly how all this was going to happen; disciples didn't understand

- Knew Jesus was the promised Messiah – the One Who had come to save us

- But it wouldn't happen like they thought it would

- Truth is, most of the time, God doesn't work the way we think He should

MT – YOU SHOULD BELIEVE GOD'S WAY IS BEST

- Disciples didn't understand

- It was now Sunday morning

- Jesus told disciples, "Go into village. You will find a colt (young donkey) tied. Untie it and bring it to Me..."

- ...If anyone asks what you are doing, say 'The Lord needs them.'"

FLASHCARD 1-3

- It happened as Jesus told them; went and found the donkey

- When they did, untied it just like Jesus had told them to

- Owner asked, "What are you doing untying the donkey?"

- "The Lord needs it," they answered.

- Amazingly, the owner allowed the disciples to take it!

- Disciples threw their robes over the donkey to make it more comfortable. Jesus rode the donkey to Jerusalem.

- As Jesus rode into Jerusalem; there was a huge crowd

FLASHCARD 1-4

- When the people saw Jesus riding into the city on donkey, started removing their robes, spread them on the ground like a carpet for the donkey to walk on...

- ...What you would do for a King!

- Then started shouting: "Hosanna! Hosanna!" (means save us)

FLASHCARD 1-5

- Some pulled palm branches from trees; waved them back and forth

- Cried louder, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- The people were crying Hosanna because they believed that Jesus was the King God promised to send to save them

- 400 yrs. before, God said that this exact thing would happen....

- He said, "Behold, 'your **King** is coming to you; He is just and having **salvation**, lowly and

riding on a **donkey**, a **colt**..." (Zech. 9:9 MV)

- When the people saw Jesus riding in on a donkey, they remembered God's promise; Believed Jesus was the One God promised to send

- That's why they began to cry "Hosanna!" and throw their coats on the ground for the donkey to walk on

- The believed that Jesus the King Who was coming to save them

- That was true, but it wasn't going to happen the way they thought

FLASHCARD 1-6

- At this time God's people, the Israelites, were ruled by the Romans

- The Romans stole their money and did lots of other terrible things to them

- So Israelites thought Jesus was going to save them from the Romans and be their King right then

- Jesus had a greater plan...Wasn't going to save them from the Romans; was going to save them from something worse – their sins

- Being separated from God because of their sins was far

worse than being ruled by the Romans

- Jesus knew that and that's why He came

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Hebrews 9:22 – "...Without shedding of blood is no remission."

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- The people didn't understand

- They didn't realize they needed to be saved from their sin; Just wanted to be saved from the Romans

- God's plan was different than they had imagined

- Things weren't going to happen the way the people wanted them too, but God's plan was so much better

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