

PALOMINO VALLEY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Friday April 07, 2023

The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:4-6

The Lord's Supper

Order of Service

Welcome (sign book)

Announcements

Prayer

Worship: - **The Old Rugged Cross**
- **In Christ Alone**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 23:26-49**

Comment: In Message

Message

Lord's Supper

Worship: - **The Power Of The Cross**

Benediction: **Revelation 1:5-6**

Review:

This past Sunday was the first day of Holy week where we remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His crucifixion on Good Friday, and then celebrate His resurrection three days later, on Resurrection Sunday.

This past Sunday, Pastor Bob's Palm Sunday message was about Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem *on the back of a donkey colt* to the shouts of "*Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!*" – **Matthew 21:9** - and the laying of palm fronds along with linen coats on the road into Jerusalem culminating with the trial and crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection three days later.

The core message of the sermon is a lesson in fallen human nature and the consequences of unbelief. Nothing will interfere with God's plan of redemption for His people. God uses the acts of wicked men to accomplish good for His creation and His people - **Genesis 50:20**. Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem at the end of His earthly ministry for one purpose and one purpose only. And that purpose was to be obedient to the Father, be tried by wicked men, be sentenced to die in one of the cruelest ways ever developed by man, and through his crucifixion on that cross at Calvary, *pay the sin debt in full for all who believe in Him.*

Comment on Scripture Reading:

Luke 23:33-49

The crucifixion of Christ is described across all 4 Gospels. The accounts, although told from the perspective of the 4 Gospel writers, are in harmony with each other.

Talk briefly about what lead up to **23:33**:

- Entered in to Jerusalem – (Pastor Bob Palm Sunday message)
- Upper room prepared (Bread/Passover Lamb)
- Lord's Supper
- Prayers in Gethsemane
- Judas's betrayal
- Christ's arrest
- Peters denial
- Trial (4x) ... Pilate - I find no guilt in this man ... Barabbas freed
- Christ's scourging

Read exactly **23:34**

But Jesus was saying, **“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves

Refer back to **Psalm 22:18** – [They divide my garments among them, And they cast lots for my clothing.] (1000 years prior to Christ. All 4 Gospel writers refer to this verse when documenting the crucifixion.)

Luke 23:35 –38 – mocking Jesus – THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS ... See **Matthew 27:28-31** – scarlet robe and crown of thorns ... **Mark 15:16-20** – mocking and the crown of thorns.

Luke 23:39-43 – Thief on the cross. The second thief rebuked the 1st thief [40-41], repented [41] believed in Jesus [42], and then was granted salvation by Jesus [43]. Notice that the 2nd thief was granted salvation only by his faith in Christ. He was nailed to the cross and unable to do any “good works”. He knew nothing about church membership, bible studies or theology. **He just believed!!!**

Read and comment **Luke 23:44-49** – contrast with:

John 19:30 – It is finished (tetelestai – completed contract).

Matthew 27:46-53 – The veil torn in two and the graves opened

Mark 15:34-38 – The curtain torn in two

Let’s read our Scripture proof for this evening.

Isaiah 53:4-6 - Read

Here, the prophet Isaiah prophesies the atoning death of God the Son around 750 years before the birth of Jesus. These verses are part of what is called the Servant Song that starts in **Isaiah 52:13** and concludes in **Isaiah 53:12**.

The Servant Song is divided into 5 stanzas of 3 verses each. The 3 verses I will focus on are the middle stanza of that song – **Isaiah 53:4-6**. In these 3 verses we see a future depiction of Christ’s substitutionary atonement for our transgressions – for the sins of all who would believe.

In **verse 4** we see that Christ bears the consequences of the sins of men, namely our griefs and sorrows. The Jews at the time incredibly would see this as punishment from God for His own sins.

Verse 5 is filled with the language of penal substitutionary atonement. Jesus (the servant) suffered not for His sins (he was sinless) but was the substitute for sinners. Here, the emphasis is on Christ being the substitute recipient for God’s wrath on sinners. The scourging He received (stripes) which eventually contributed to His death has brought salvation to those for whose sins he died for. This is confirmed in **1Peter 2:24** –

24 and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.

Verse 6 tells us that every person has sinned (**Romans 3:9,23**) and the servant has sufficiently shouldered the consequences of sin and the righteous wrath of the Father deserved by sinners.

God the Father laid our iniquity on Jesus and treated Him as if He had committed every sin of every person who would ever believe even though He committed none of them.

God did this to the Son so that wrath (the wrath of the Father) was spent and justice satisfied so the Father could give the righteousness of the Son to the account of sinners who believe treating them (us) as if they had only done the righteous acts of Christ (even though we haven't).

The Atonement:

I believe that God created the entire universe and everything in it. In God's holy book of scripture from the Book of Genesis, we learn that "In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth... **Genesis 1:1-2** "The Earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep ..." Everything that we see, everything we have in our lives that provides life and sustenance for us is through God and by his divine mercy and grace.

- God created this world, he created us and therefore he can tell us how to live in it!

We know from scripture in Genesis that God only made one command in the first covenant with humanity and that was ... ***"Do not eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil"***. And guess what? Adam and Eve did not obey that command and they brought sin and death into the world. Since that time, every human is born with a sin nature inherited from Adam. We are born an adversary of God and let me tell you, *we do not get better as we grow older until we hear the Gospel*, feel the draw of the father, are regenerated by the Holy Spirit, given irrevocable saving faith and believe on Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

And then, that is only by the gift of faith from God.

- **Ephesians 1:4-8** - ⁴just as **He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵**He**

predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of **His will**,⁶ to the praise of the glory of **His grace**, which **He freely bestowed** on us in the Beloved.⁷ **In Him we have redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of **His grace**⁸ which **He lavished** on us. ...

God knew that Adam and Eve would succumb to the temptations of Satan and that the Father would send the Son through the cross to expiate our sins and become a propitiation to the Father turning away his wrath towards to all those who would believe.

- **Romans 3:22-26** - ²²even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ **for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction; ²³**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, ²⁴being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, **so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has (God given) faith in Jesus.**

It is through **belief and faith in Christ's atoning works** on the cross that we are justified. That our sins are not only forgiven but forgotten.

- **Ezekiel 18:4** - ⁴"Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. **The soul who sins will die.**"
- **Romans 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Ezekiel 18:21-23** - ²¹"But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²²"**All his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of his righteousness which he has practiced, he will live.** ²³"Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord GOD, "rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?"

Christ had to shed his blood on the cross at Calvary in a selfless act of love vicariously suffering the penalty of the broken law as a substitute for His people. What God did in the person of the son as Christ Jesus for his people (all those who would believe) on the cross was an act of penal substitution. His direct intention was to satisfy justice in their (our) behalf, and thus secure, on legal terms, their (our) salvation. **Christ's life was not taken, it was freely given.**

- **John 10:18** - ¹⁸**No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back. This commandment I received from My Father.”**
- **Philippians 2:5-8** - ⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

He was being obedient to the Father!!

- His blood was not spilt at the cross it was poured out.
- He was not a victim but a victor at the cross.
- His was a triumphant death at the cross and not one drop of blood was spilt in defeat *or in vain*.
- He purchased His church with his own blood.
- On the cross He justified the many by His active and passive obedience to the will of the Father and the law of God.
- He has secured righteousness for the many. By His works on the cross, at the appointed time when all he died for come to the entrance of the kingdom, He will justify the many. The Father will look upon Christ and justify us. *And the many who believed are the many he died for to justify.*
(John 6:36-40/10:27-29)

Let's take a closer look at Christ's works on the cross:

1. It fulfilled the demands of the law. – “When Jesus on the cross received the sour wine, He said “It is finished” ... bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

John 19:30 The sin debt owed Father God was paid in full and wiped away.

Jesus had to be both man and divine ... 100% God and 100% Human so that as a man he could pay for our sins and as God He was totally sinless and had the capacity to take on all the sins of all who would believe.

2. Expiated the guilt of sin. – Brief explanation of expiation – East from the West – **Psalm 103:12** - As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
3. It propitiated justice. - In this - is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. – **1 John 4:10**
4. It reconciled us to God - Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, - **2 Corinthians 5:18**
5. Secures our salvation – does not just put us in a salvable state – The imputation of redemption by Christ is infallibly connected with it's application by the Holy Spirit ... Our faith in Christ brings salvation and the Holy Spirit seals us ... In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, - **Ephesians 1:13**

“There is no way any mere human could bear and fully satisfy God's wrath. By nature, this wrath is infinite in quality. In order to bear the weight of wrath, it is essential that the Savior be divine. But also, in order to satisfy this wrath, he had to offer a sacrifice of such a value that God would be pleased to accept it. Only Christ as God could bring a sacrifice of infinite and eternal value to God that he would propitiate heaven's wrath. By virtue of his divine nature, he is able to earn for us eternal life and favor with God. Finally, the divinity of Christ means that he is able to be raised from the dead (after conquering it) and therefore apply the benefits he has earned for us.” – Pastor Erik Raymond – Redeemer Fellowship Church, Boston

Without the crucifixion of Jesus over 2,000 years ago and His atoning work on the cross, His death, His burial and resurrection three (3) days later on Resurrection Sunday, there would be no Christianity (**1 Corinthians 15:14**) and faith we have of being able to be in a right relationship with the Father due to our sin. God is holy and cannot be around sin. There would be no hope of salvation and only an eternity of separation from our creator.

The good news is that Christ did atone for our sins and we do have a way to salvation. And that is found in the Gospel of Christ Jesus. The good news of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The Gospel

What the Gospel does is first confront us with the absolute holiness of God and that we have broken His law - **Romans 3:23**. And, because we are all sinners, we are sentenced to eternal damnation and there is nothing we can do though works on our own to be reconciled to God. As stated by the prophet Isaiah (**Isaiah 64:6**) *“All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment”*.

God is the offended party and only God can grant reconciliation. When we sin (only takes one sin) we have in effect rejected our citizenship in the kingdom and became adversaries to God. We can do nothing to cause ourselves to be reconciled to God. Reconciliation is by the gift of grace from the Father.

The good news, is that God devised a plan before the foundation of the world that provides a way we can be reconciled to the Father and that is through Christ’s atoning work on the cross where our sins (and all the sins of all those who would believe) are **imputed** (to ascribe righteousness, guilt, etc. to someone by virtue of a similar quality in another) to Christ and His righteousness is **imputed** to us.

By faith alone we benefit from Christ’s work on the cross. It is only when we fully trust in Christ are we forgiven for rejecting our kingdom citizenship and becoming an adversary of God.

It is through imputation we gain the righteousness of God in Christ. He pardons us and reckons us as his children who have kept the law of His kingdom. **The imputation is based solely on the work of Jesus Christ and what Christ has done alone.**

It is through the shed blood of Christ that we are washed of our sins and seen as righteous in the eyes of the Father and then able to be in a right relationship with Him.

In spite of our sins, in spite of our fallen nature, God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, the one who knew no sin and became sin (although a sinner he was not) for us on that cross at Calvary so that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish and be the righteousness of God through Him because He is the way, He is the truth and He is the life and nobody comes to the Father except through Him.

And here is the great transference.

On the cross our sins were imputed to Christ and His righteousness imputed us. When the father looks at the cross, he sees your sins ... my sins ... the sins of all who would believe. When he looks at us, he sees His son, blameless, righteous, holy and able to be in communion with Him.

On the cross, the Father poured out his wrath on the one who didn't deserve it and poured out His mercy and Grace on the ones who didn't and could never earn it.

On the cross, God treated Jesus as if he lived your and my life and lives of all who would believe so He could treat us as if we lived His.

And this my brothers and sisters is the good news of Christ and Him crucified.

All praise and glory be to God!

Let us pray.

The Lord's Supper

As part of our Good Friday service we will be partaking of the Lord's Supper which is one of two sacraments our fellowship observes along with baptism. The Lord's supper is our highest form of worship, and we are commanded by Jesus to perform this sacrament on a regular basis. Let us read from scripture:

Jesus taught in **John 6:53-54**

⁵³“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Since this evening, we are remembering the sacrifice and atonement of our Lord and Savior on that cross at Calvary, we believe it is only fitting that we partake of the bread and the cup in solemn remembrance of Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf. Because without the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus, we would all face nothing but condemnation and eternal punishment as payment for our own sins.

Prior to taking the bread and the cup, we must examine ourselves and if there is anything that we need to bring to the Lord before we take the Lord’s supper, we must confess and repent.

We are told in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But a person must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For the one who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not properly recognize the body.

Let us pray

Serve the bread.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

Pray for the bread. ????

Take the bread.

Serve the cup.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

²⁵ In the same way He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Pray for the cup. Pastor Bob

Drink the cup

Prayer of thanksgiving

Brothers and sisters, on this day about 2,000 years ago, the only begotten son of the Father was betrayed, arrested, denied, tried, scourged, mocked and crucified according to the will of the Father. His body was taken down from the cross, wrapped in linen, anointed with oils and spices and laid in a new and unused tomb. A heavy stone was rolled in front of the entrance and sealed. Roman guards were stationed out in front to guard the tomb.

It's Friday

Sundays coming!!!!

Worship song

Our benediction is from **Revelation 1:5-6**

⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins ^[a]by His blood— ⁶and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to ^[b]His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.