

“That the World Should Be Saved Through Him”

Intro: Today is the day when Christians around the world celebrate what is commonly referred to as the “_____ Entry.”

A. Two thousand years ago, the well-wishers of Jerusalem were giving the Lord the “red carpet treatment” because they _____ believed He had come to set them free from their Roman oppressors, not because they believed that He was the only begotten Son of God who came to set them free from the guilt of their sin.

1. On Palm Sunday they lined the streets welcoming Jesus with _____, but a few days later they lined the streets ushering Him out with curses. For most of them, their _____ in Jesus was a self-serving self-centered _____ - _____ faith, just the same as those whom we’ve been learning about in our study of John.

2. Keeping this in mind, and with this being Palm Sunday and with Good Friday only a few days away, this morning I would like to continue in our Study of the Gospel of John that we might understand _____

_____.

John 3:16-21

I. “For _____ so _____ the world that _____ His only Begotten Son ...”

II. It was necessary for God to give His only begotten Son to die on the cross “that whoever believes in Him should _____” and, “that the world should _____ through Him.”

A. Is mankind _____? Does man need to be saved? The Bible answers that question in the affirmative! Mankind is perishing and in need of being saved because mankind is guilty of sin! The Bible says, Romans 3:23, “For _____ have _____ and fallen short of the glory of God, ...” And, Romans 3:10 says, “as it is written, “There is none righteous, _____ even _____ ...” (Cf. Romans 5:12-21)

B. God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world because those who are _____ of the sin of not believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, have been _____.

1. This the judgement, everyone who does evil hates the Light; that is, they _____ Christ Jesus the Lord and refuse to come to Him because in the _____ of the truth of who He is their sins would be exposed! And, they love their sin (darkness) rather than Jesus (Light). This is why mankind is _____ and needs to be saved!

C. As defined by the "Complete Wordstudy Dictionary of the New Testament" the word "_____ " in the John 3:16 means "to be _____." And, "relating to eternal death it means to perish eternally, to be deprived of eternal life. Those who perish (who are perishing) means those who are exposed to eternal death." And, in further explanation the Dictionary say, "... the verb must not be thought of as indicating extinction, but only change from one state of being to another." Therefore, the word "perish" does not refer to a state of non-existence, but to a state of eternal _____ - _____ destruction; to a state of being continually destroyed without an end to the torment of it. (Cf. Rev. 20:15; Matt. 25:41; Mark 9:38-50)

1. Human words cannot begin to express the _____ of perishing!

III. "For _____ so _____ the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should _____, but have eternal life. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should _____ through Him" (John 3:16-17). (Cf. Romans 6:23; 8:3; 2 Cor. 5:21)

A. The prophet Isaiah foretold of the sacrificial death of Christ Jesus. "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for _____; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To _____" (Isaiah 53:5-6).

B. _____ His only begotten Son that the world (you and me) should be saved through faith in _____. When we are born again and thus, _____ that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, we are saved from the guilt of our sins, saved from perishing in the place of eternal torment, and _____ unto eternal life.

Closing: God did not send His Son to judge us, but to save us from the guilt of our sin, so that we should not perish, but that we should be saved through Him!

"And can it be, that I should gain
 An interest in the Savior's blood?
 _____ He _____, who caused His pain?
 For me, who Him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 _____! How can it be
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?"

Why did Christ die? Christ died that the perishing world should be saved through Him!
 _____ upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will _____!