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 Word Study 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 ____________ !

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