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Palm Sunday

“The Horrible & Holy Week”

By Kent Ross



This morning begins a week when Christians rejoice, then mourn, and finally rejoice again. It is called Holy Week, but it is also a week filled with horror as we consider Jesus' steps toward Golgotha.

This morning we think of the crowds gathered to welcome Him in to Jerusalem. Some churches give out palm branches as we think of the crowds crying “*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*”

But as the week progresses we wonder what happened to those crowds as they soon turned into the mob that cried out for His blood to be upon them. “*Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Release unto us Barabbas!*”

Most of us will be rejoicing this morning as we think of that triumphal entry, but we may also be thinking, somewhat guiltily, that we might have also been part of the mob, for certainly we in our own ways have betrayed him and been disloyal to Him.

But that is what this week is about ... mankind's forgiveness, NO WAIT! My forgiveness. Absolute and complete: Yes, it's undeserved, but I am forgiven, as are you.

That's why in spite of the horror of remembering this week's awful events, Christians also rejoice for what those events provided. His death was atonement for my sins and yours, and our way to be reconciled to a Holy God.

That's why we anticipate a great day of rejoicing to end an up-and-down week. God called a halt to man's idiocy as they killed His Son. God said, “Enough” and raised Jesus from the dead!

Well, you know the story. Why don't more? Why doesn't everybody?

A week, both Holy and horrible ... but finally Holy and Wonderful as God shows His Power. Amen.

– Kent Ross / 4-1-07



EASTER LILIES brought to the church in honor or in memory of a loved one will add much to our service next Sunday. Give the names to Pastor Rex by Wednesday for printing on Easter.

SPIN THE JUG! Our coin vortex sits on top of a large water fountain jug that can hold LOTS of coins (and paper money). There are MANY needs in our foreign outreach. Pam Weaver is helping us to visualize those needs (see pictures by vortex). Also videos are being shown weekly.



SPECIAL MISSIONS PROJECT

We are earmarking this money (above) to help our late Pastor Beder's family in Peru – his wife and 5 children (pictures by vortex) - **PLUS helping a team visit others in Uruguay** who want to be baptized and begin a new church.

Recent E-Mail (1-10-08): Trip to South America

Bill Wachtel and David and Lynne Krogh will be going to Peru in April to work with Pastor Beder and other leaders in the church to make certain that effective ministry continues during Pastor Beder's illness. They will also travel on to Montevideo, Uruguay to visit Mauro Apolos Gonzalez who has been in contact with us for about two years. He has been studying the Bible and shares our beliefs. He and two others with whom he has been studying have requested baptism. Mauro has a heart to serve the Lord and wants to expand his ministry. We will discuss with him plans for the development of a church in Montevideo. Mauro speaks English and Spanish. Financial assistance for this mission trip may be sent to LHI, earmarked for South America. – D. Krogh

EVELYN PENNINGTON will be celebrating her 90th birthday March 20th. We would like to shower her with cards. Write: Evelyn Pennington / c/o Emerald Ridge of Solon / 5625 Emerald Ridge Pkwy #107 / Solon OH 44139

BENJAMIN THOMAS came to live with Margo (Onderdonk) and David Mackin Sunday, March 9th weighing 7 lb 12 oz / 20 ½ inches long / born 2:35p.m. Everyone is doing well. This will give Danika (16 months) a brother to play with! All are doing well - our congratulations!



HALEE FERTIG (Susan [Cramer's]) daughter attended the ABC Invitational recently in Atlanta and plans to attend Atlanta Bible College this next Fall. Our blessings!

KALA [FERTIG] METZNER [Susan Cramer's daughter] and their 11-month old, Avya, have returned home from Arizona for a few months while Kala's husband, Brandon, spends a few months serving in the military in Kuwait. Keep him and the family in your prayers.

MERIAM SIGLER (94), a long time faithful Christian and Church of God member at our Dayton Ohio church & more recently our Brushcreek Church, fell asleep in Christ March 10th. Pastor Cain conducted the services March 14th assisted by Pastor Dave Hixon at our Brushcreek Church near Dayton. Remember this family in your prayers. ***"Blessed are those who die in the Lord."*** (Rev. 14:13)

MICHAL SITTEK (our exchange student), left last Friday for a tour of California and will return on the 21st. His parents are also arriving from the Czech Republic and plan to worship with us on Easter. (Michal's birthday is the 20th.)

EDITH SPEER has been moved to a rehabilitation center: Normandy Manor / 22709 Lake Rd. / Rocky River, Oh. 44116. This is her personal phone: (440) 895-3873. She is planning to move into assisted living when her rehabilitation is completed. Keep her in your prayers.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

PRAY FOR: Edith Speer (surgery 2-28), Pastor Linford Moore (1-23, heart attack), Phil May (job search), Sonny Koston (burned), Mellisa (by JWetzel), Marti Wohn (by GWhaley), Jeff Stoneman (cancer, by Whaley), Ruth Schuld (treatments), Ken-Kathy Cramer, Terry James (cancer, by Roper), Evelyn Pennington, Jack Hearp, Ruby Korode, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, (*by Skip), W.C. & Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Andrew Weaver, Jackie Schuld, Dan & Rachel Cain (internship / teaching degree), **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Those serving in other countries:** Lupe Badillo-Mexico,

Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. **Colleges / Churches:** RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

MARCH 2008 / "MARCH"-ING FOR MISSIONS

16 Palm Sunday

23 Easter Sunday (8 a.m. Sunrise / 9 a.m. Breakfast / 10 a.m. Worship Hour)

Future Dates: March – May 11, Mother's Day / Apr 6, Annual Church dinner outing, Golden Corral / May 17 Andrew Weaver's wedding / Jun 15, Father's Day / Jul 12, Rachel Weaver's wedding / Aug 24, SS picnic / Sep 21, SS Mtg

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Sharon and Mark Cain
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

123 Jesus Paid It All

124 The Old Rugged Cross

Prayer / Offering

Missions Video / Pam Weaver

11-Minute Video: Professor Gives Last Lecture

Message: What Would You Say and Do If You Knew You
Had Only A Few Days To Live?

Key Texts: Matt 20:17-19; 20:1-16; 20:20-28; 20:29-34; 25:31-40

336 Make Me A Blessing



"IT IS FINISHED"

(What was finished? /John 19:30)