

SETTING THE STAGE

EASTER @ HOPE

message notes

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I would like more info about

- what Hope believes
- ways to serve
- community groups
- how to grow in walk with God

FOLLOWING JESUS

- Today I said, "YES!"
- I recommitted my life to Jesus
- I'd like to be baptized
- I'd like to start reading the Bible

NEXT STEPS

- Attend membership class
- Setup giving online
- Have a pastor contact me
- Sign up for email newsletter
- Sign up for key text updates

STEP INTO SERVING

- Need Selection Sunday bracket
- I'd like to help with Kids Camp
- Other: _____

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The _____ would have investigated the gathering in case of a social _____ or religious Zealot stirring up _____.

Bethphage is roughly _____ from Jerusalem and is roughly _____ above Jerusalem — providing a great view of the city.

Jesus says to get the _____. In Old Testament, it was an option for _____ royalty when coming in _____ (1 Kings 1:38).

This is the _____ public demonstration of honor for Jesus — people would traditionally throw garments and palm branches down to honor Jewish royalty.

WHY DID JESUS DO THIS?:

To fulfill _____ (Zechariah 9:9-10). Jesus fulfills over _____ messianic prophecies, to "just" fulfill _____ would be a 1 in 10 to the _____.

To _____ the religious leader's hand (Matthew 26:3-5, Mark 14:1-2)

- Jesus' _____ was not a military victory, but a _____.
- Jesus had to die during the Passover so that he could be the sacrificed _____ (1 Peter 1:18-19).

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What's your family's Easter traditions? What were they when you were younger?

1. How will you prepare your heart and mind for Easter amidst this Passion Week? What can you do to make it a meaningful time amidst the preparations for Easter?
2. The crowd certainly had different expectations of what it meant for Jesus on Palm Sunday and within a week everything changed. Take a moment to stop and worship Jesus for who He is, not for who you think He should be.
3. The temple was cleansed on Monday, creating space for those to come to Jesus. What in your life might be cluttered and keeping you from spending time with Jesus as well as extending his love to others around you?
4. Jesus radically challenges his disciples to love another just as He loved them (John 13:34). What does it look like to live your life with this posture and what can you put into practice this week?

THE HOMEWORK

Read through the Holy Week accounts before your next community group: Matthew 21-27, Mark 11-16, Luke 19-23, and John 12-19.

1. It's not just a _____.

Textual criticism (oxford dictionary): the process of attempting to ascertain the original wording of a text

Historical writers _____ the existence of Jesus...and it's not just from church early church fathers.

External Sources:

_____ there's substantial proof of the Jesus of the New Testament, _____ we should be aware of what went on over 2,000 years ago this week.

2. It's called _____ Week for a reason.

- Palm Sunday - _____ entry into Jerusalem
- Monday - Jesus _____ the temple
- Tuesday - Jesus _____ religious leaders
- Wednesday - Jesus take a day of _____
- Thursday - _____ for Passover
- Friday - _____ and crucifixion of Jesus
- Saturday - Jesus is in the _____
- Sunday - Jesus is _____ from the dead

Jewish families are traveling to Jerusalem to celebrate the _____ feast. The population of Jerusalem would _____ in size to roughly _____.

Passover was a celebration to remember what God had done during the _____ from Egypt. The Jewish nation was freed from slavery in Egypt when God sent Moses to speak to Pharaoh. God used _____ plagues to free His people. After Pharaoh's repeated "no," God's last plague was where the destroyer killed every firstborn son _____ they had the blood of a lamb on their doorposts. Then the destroyer would _____ that house, leaving the firstborn alive.

3. _____ Sunday — the calm before the storm. (Matthew 21:1-6, John 12:12-19)

3 Key Groups of Jews

1. _____ pilgrims from outside Judea
2. _____ leaders from Jerusalem
3. _____ from raising Lazarus from the dead

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Fill this out and place it in the offering or feel free to scan the QR code to fill it out online!



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about us?

This is my/our:

- first visit
- second visit
- visit often
- attend regularly

Share a need, praise or prayer request:

- this is for staff only
- send this on Hope text alerts

APRIL 2, 2023

what's happening at HOPE?

ANSWERING THE CALL | TODAY

Join us after service to pray for our international workers.

NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

Be in prayer for those who are stepping out in faith and Christ's love to reach the Cottage Grove area by hosting Easter egg hunts throughout the city this week.

WOMEN'S RETREAT | MAY 5 - 7

All women 18 and up are welcome to come! For more info and to register by April 11.

HOPE KIDS: DADS W? DONUTS | MAY 7

Donut let anything get in the way of this fun event! (Moms, we'll help while your gone at women's retreat!)

[MORE INFO AT GOT-HOPE.ORG/EVENTS](https://got-hope.org/events)

we're all about doing life together. got-hope.org/CG

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNS | BIRTH - GRADE 5

While children are always welcome in our services, we have an interactive program for kids to learn about God and apply His truth to their lives downstairs called Discovery Land and a staffed nursery on this level.

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MEN'S MINISTRY

WEDS @ 7 AM (HYVEE) & THURS @ 6:30 PM

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YOUNG ADULTS

2ND SATS @ 7 PM
4TH SATS @ 5:30 PM

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GRIEF GROUP

TUES @ 6:30 PM
got-hope.org/grief

SPRING CLEANING | MAY 13

Ready to do some projects and organizing?! Sign up to serve.

Midday Muffins with Mom | MAY 13

A special time to come celebrate and enjoy time with mom!

SAVE THE DATE! | A "STELLAR" KIDS CAMP | JULY 31 - AUG 3

Kids Camp? Yep, it's what we're calling VBS this year! We'll be learning how to shine Jesus's light to the world!

SUMMER SCHEDULE IS COMING OUT!

- June 11 Annual Meeting
- June 18 Father's Day Family Fat Bat
- July 11 Playdate in the Park
- August 6 Students Cliff Jumping
- Sept 1-3 BSC Family Camp

STUDENT MINISTRIES

WEDS @ 6:30 PM | GRADES 6-12

The night consists of a game/hangout time, break-out groups, and biblical, relevant, age-appropriate messages. Friends are always welcome! Make sure to sign up online for text alerts.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MONS @ 6:30 PM (9244 HALE AVE S IN CG) & TUES @ 9 AM

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FAMILIES

1ST SUN @ 4 PM

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GRANDPARENTS

3RD SUNS @ 4 PM

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you're welcome here!



PALM SUNDAY
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