

**- Order of Service -**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcoming Prayer**

**Scripture Reading 2<sup>nd</sup> John**

- Jerusalem
- 153, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
- 146, O sing a song of Bethlehem
- 157, How deep the Father's love for us

**Bible Quiz**

**Announcements and Prayer requests**

**Greeting**

**Message in the Word – Which kind of donkey would you be?**

**Matthew 20:1-21:11**

**Sending prayer**

**You may notice we don't pass an offering plate**

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. God's grace and provision motivate His people to give generously to His work and the needs of His Body, as He enables, not under obligation or social pressure.

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

**- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -**

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Teaching -

**Eric Peterman**

**Which kind of donkey would you be?**

**Matthew 20:1-21:11**

**- April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -**

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***Matthew 20:1-21:11***

**Matthew 20:1-16: The parable of the various laborers in the landowner's vineyard**

Jesus tells this parable to his disciples just as he is about to depart from the Jordan and travel up to Jerusalem to initiate the events of the crucifixion week. It is a powerful parable to shatter their presumptive pride and to illustrate two things:

1) Jesus himself does not receive His great reward in the messianic/millennial kingdom unless he becomes the lowliest of servants, and suffers humiliation, and is crucified. (Phil 2:5-11) That is the portion that the Father has assigned to Him.

2) Reward in the messianic kingdom for believers in Messiah is proportioned based on, a) faithfulness and real humility now, and b) understanding that God apportions each believer their own work in time according to His sovereignty, and not in comparison to others.

**v17-19: Jesus ascent, triumphal entry, betrayal and false trials, death by crucifixion by the Gentiles (Romans) & resurrection prophesied**

Jesus starkly and plainly tells them what is definitely set to come. He does this not only to prepare them, but to walk according to prophesy, and to break up any false expectations of the realization of Israel's millennial kingdom without there first being the blood of the cup of the New Covenant being spilled.

**v20-28: The false and presumptuous expectations of privilege/position in the Messianic/Millennial kingdom without: a) the suffering of the Savior (v22, 28), and b) suffering and radical humility and self-emptying of believers (v26-27) in the interim before the kingdom, as the basis for reward and position in the coming glorious kingdom**

**29-34: The two men who were physically blind but had spiritual eyes to see Jesus for Who He was. Contrast this with those who shortly will have physical eyes for their Messiah King, but no spiritual eyes for what was necessary for their redemption from sin**

Here Jesus demonstrates both the compassion of God and the authority and power that He *is God with power over disease. This act presages his ruler-ship in the coming kingdom and acts as a validation for the genuine offer of the kingdom to Israel at that time! It is, "at hand" if they will have it on God's terms! But will they?*

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**Note: Between v34 and 21:1 is some 3,000 feet of elevation change in just 17 miles of travel! So 3/5 of a mile vertically in about the distance between Ukiah and Boonville. That's a steep, long climb!**

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**Matthew 21:1-10: Psalm 118:19-26 capture this moment when Messiah enters Jerusalem. "This is the Day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."**

v11, "This is the prophet, Jesus." See Deut 18:15. This moment and this Person, the Messiah, was foretold. Yet not *all Israel* received Him as such. The darkness of blinding sin had yet to be paid for, so the promised kingdom was deferred and the death of Messiah came.

**Prayer Requests, Praises - Hebrews 4:16**

- Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
- Remember those who are ill or aged and cannot meet with us.
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