March Teaching Theme: Life Rhythms (Lent)

讲员 Speaker: Pastor Linghui Peter Tian 题目 Topic: 耶稣的眼泪 The tears of Jesus 经文 Scripture: Luke 19:28-44

Monthly Theme: As we continue Lent season for much of the global church, it is worth pausing to reflect upon our life rhythms. Is the way we go about living healthy and biblical, or is it shaped by something else? This month, we will look at three significant theologies of our life rhythms - Work, Rest, and Worship - all leading up to Palm Sunday on March 28th. To begin the series, Pastor Will took a look at a Theology of Work, examining what it looks like to be the "Best Workers." Then, Pastor Tian examined a theology of rest, pointing us to setting Sabbath patterns of rest and finding our ultimate rest in King Jesus. Last week, Jacob Chen looked at worship from the lens of Romans 12:1-2. And this week we ended our series celebrating Palm Sunday.

三月 March - 生命旋律 Life's Rhythms (四旬期 Lent)

March 7th – 職場神學 <u>A Theology of Work</u> (聖經神學部分 Biblical Theology Piece) (四旬 期 Lent)

March 14th – 安息神學 <u>A Theology of Rest</u> (創世紀 Genesis 2, 出埃及記 Exodus 31:14-17, 詩 篇 Psalm 95, 馬太福音 Matthew 11:28-30, & 希伯來書 Hebrew 3:7-4:13) (四旬期 Lent) March 21st – 讚美神學 <u>A Theology of Worship</u> (羅馬書 Romans 12:1-2) (四旬期 Lent) March 28th – 受難日 <u>The Crucifixion</u> (棕枝主日 Palm Sunday)

Resources:

Sermon Video Sermon Slides

Video: <u>Luke 19-23 (Bible Project)</u> [English - 4:25] <u>Luke 19-23 (Bible Project)</u> [Chinese - 4:05]

Discussion Questions (Pastor Tian):

- (1) Read Luke 19:28-48 together. What observations do you make and what stands out to you? How would you summarize the story?
- (2) 当众人都沉浸在节日的喜庆之中时,耶稣为什么哀哭?是不是因为耶稣知道他将要经历 和面对的苦难而为自己的遭遇流泪呢?如果不是,耶稣的眼泪到底为谁而流?Why did Jesus weep when everyone was immersed in the festive festivities? Was it because Jesus knew the suffering he was going to experience and faced and shed tears of his own experience? If not, for whom did Jesus' tears shed?
- (3) 耶稣为什么为法利赛人、众人(当时的百姓)和门徒哀哭,这在信仰上对我们有哪些提醒? Why did Jesus weep for the Pharisees, the people (the people at the time), and the disciples? What reminders does this remind us in faith?

(4) 透过这段证道经文/主日信息/晚上团契的交通,你最大的收获是什么?你将会在哪方面做 出改变?Through this passage of sermons/Sunday message/Evening fellowship, what is your biggest gain? Where will you change?

Important Notes (Pastor William R. Horne):

Notes on Luke 19:28-48:

We don't really experience something like a "triumphal entry" today in our context, but "triumphal entries" were common enough to be recognized by the early readers of the Gospels and rare enough to retain their sense of the extraordinary.

"In Rome generals returning from exceptional victories were celebrated with a *triumphus* ("triumphal entry"), a solemn procession where the victor exhibited the spoils of war, surrounded by the leaders of his armies, as well as by conquered kings and rulers and by numerous captives destined to slavery. The victor, wearing a crown of laurel**, would ride on a chariot pulled by white horses (white being the color of victory) and would finally go to the temple of Jupiter to offer sacrifice. All along the way, soldiers and the citizenry, in general, would shout acclamation and sing hymns in honor of the conqueror." (González, J. L.)

A laurel wreath is a round wreath made of connected branches and leaves of the bay laurel, an aromatic broadleaf evergreen, or later from spineless butcher's broom or cherry laurel. It is a symbol of triumph and is worn as a chaplet around the head, or as a garland around the neck. (From our friends at Wikipedia)

In fact, Alexander the Great (which you have probably heard of in your history classes) three centuries earlier (332 BC, in his conquest against Persia, who was the oppressive Empire over Israel at the time.) entry Jerusalem in a "triumphal entry" and then offered sacrifices at the temple. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem both parallels Alexander the Great's entry and contrasts with it, helping us see the paradoxes and reversals of the King Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

Alexander the Great's Entry (332 BC)	Jesus of Nazareth's Entry (AD 30/33)
Spoils of War & Leaders of Army with him	Maybe the Disciples with him
Enslaved Captives	Dies to Free the Enslaved
Crown of Laurel	Eventually a Crown of Thorns
Riding in a Chariot pulled by White Horses	Riding on a Donkey/Colt (Zech 9:9 prophecy)
Shouts of Praise	Shouts of Praise
Rejoicing over Conquests	Weeping over Jerusalem
Entered Temple and Sacrificed in It.	Enters the Temple and Denounces what is being done in it. (Cleanses it, foreshadowing his sacrifice)

A king who would rule over Israel for a decade (323 BC he dies)

Sermon Summary (Elder Yin): 耶稣的眼泪 田传道3/28/21

"将近 伯法其 和 伯大尼,在一座山名叫 橄榄山 那里,就打发两个门徒,说: 「你们往对面村子里 去,进去的时候,必看见一匹驴驹拴在那里,是从来没有人骑过的,可以解开牵来。 若有人问为什 么解它,你们就说: 『主要用它。』」 打发的人去了,所遇见的正如耶稣所说的。 他们解驴驹的时候 ,主人问他们说: 「解驴驹做什么?」"他们说:「主要用它。」"他们牵到耶稣那里,把自己的衣服搭在 上面,扶着耶稣骑上。 走的时候,众人把衣服铺在路上。 将近 耶路撒冷 ,正下 橄榄山 的时候,众 门徒因所见过的一切异能,都欢乐起来,大声赞美 神,说: 奉主名来的王是应当称颂的! 在天 上有和平;在至高之处有荣光。 众人中有几个法利赛人对耶稣说:「夫子,责备你的门徒吧!」 耶 稣说:「我告诉你们,若是他们闭口不说,这些石头必要呼叫起来。」 耶稣快到 耶路撒冷 ,看见城, 就为它哀哭,说:「巴不得你在这日子知道关系你平安的事;无奈这事现在是隐藏的,叫你的眼看 不出来。因为日子将到,你的仇敌必筑起土垒,周围环绕你,四面困住你,并要扫灭你和你里头 的儿女,连一块石头也不留在石头上,因你不知道眷顾你的时候。」"

棕榈主日,周一无花果树日,周二,辨论曰,周三休息日,周四圣餐日,周五受难日,周六墳墓日, 周曰复活日。

棕榈日耶稣进耶路撒冷光荣的身份,以王的身份,喜庆过节的气氛。但圣经里说了耶稣哭了。为什 么?

一, 耶稣为耶络撒冷将面临的遭遇而哀哭

"耶稣快到 耶路撒冷 ,看见城,就为它哀哭, 说:「巴不得你在这日子知道关系你平安的事;无奈这 事现在是隐藏的,叫你的眼看不出来。" 路加福音 19:41-42

AD66, 五月, 罗马抢却圣殿中的宝物,造成犹太反抗,被罗马王提多镇压,耶路撒冷被攻破,一百 万人被杀,没有足够的木头钉犹太人上十字架,罗马把圣殿石上的金都刮下来。以色列人在沥史 上多次受挫都是因为他们背离神,这棕树节时也同样,他们不认耶稣。

二,为法利赛人内心的刚硬哀哭

耶稣不是为城而哀哭,"「 耶路撒冷 啊, 耶路撒冷 啊,你常杀害先知,又用石头打死那奉差遣到你 这里来的人。我多次愿意聚集你的儿女,好像母鸡把小鸡聚集在翅膀底下,只是你们不愿意。 看 哪, 你们的家成为荒场留给你们。" 马太福音 23:37-38 这里耶路撒冷是里面的百姓,为子民而哭,主要是宗教领袖。法利赛人,他们只注重律法,以律法 要被神接受。其实神看心灵诚实的人,当时法利赛人拒绝了耶稣。以色列人对弥撒亚的认识是不 一样的,应该是君王做样子。所以耶稣的表现和法利赛人对弥撒亚模式不一样。反而这模式限制 了他们对耶稣的认识。这就是为什么法利赛人说"众人中有几个法利赛人对耶稣说:「夫子,责备 你的门徒吧!」"路加福音 19:39

我们有时候也会把耶稣套在我们的对耶稣认识的模式中,常常误认耶稣。

三, 耶稣为众人在信仰上的盲从和无知哀哭。 耶稣不看表面, 外面的庆典, 而是看他们的内心。

"当耶稣呼唤 拉撒路 ,叫他从死复活出坟墓的时候,同耶稣在那里的众人就作见证。 众人因听见 耶稣行了这神迹,就去迎接他。" 约翰福音 12:17-18

众人来欢迎耶稣因为听说耶稣行神迹。盲目的跟从众人。5天后说钉他十字架。

"祭司长和长老挑唆众人,求释放 巴拉巴 ,除灭耶稣。 巡抚对众人说:「这两个人,你们要我释放 哪一个给你们呢?」他们说:「 巴拉巴 。」 彼拉多 说:「这样,那称为基督的耶稣我怎么办他呢?」 他们都说:「把他钉十字架!」 巡抚说:「为什么呢?他做了什么恶事呢?」他们便极力地喊着说: 「把他钉十字架!」 彼拉多 见说也无济于事,反要生乱,就拿水在众人面前洗手,说:「流这义人的 血, 罪不在我, 你们承当吧。」 众人都回答说:「他的血归到我们和我们的子孙身上。」 于是 彼拉多 释放 巴拉巴 给他们,把耶稣鞭打了,交给人钉十字架。" 马太福音 27:20-26

为什么众人会180度改变,因为他盲从无知,众人不知道耶稣真正是谁。我们的信仰应建立在真 正认识耶稣是谁。

四,为门徒的糊涂而哭

"将近 耶路撒冷,正下 橄榄山 的时候,众门徒因所见过的一切异能,都欢乐起来,大声赞美 神," 路加福音 19:37

众门徒所见过的一切异能,而欢乐。虽和耶稣一起三年还不认识耶稣。

"他们来到 迦百农 。耶稣在屋里问门徒说:「你们在路上议论的是什么?」 门徒不作声,因为他们 在路上彼此争论谁为大。" 马可福音 9:33-34

他们看见异能的耶稣而已。不真正认识主。 "她所做的,是尽她所能的;她是为我安葬的事把香膏预先浇在我身上。

马可福音 14:8,

这里看到马利亚的心,马利亚能够理解耶稣的心。耶稣多次和门徒提起他要受苦被杀且复活,但 众门徒没有真正的理解耶稣来世的目的。他们有自己的小算盘,因此堵阻了神的美意,而想要和 耶稣一同得国将临时得好处

五,为今天象当时的法利赛人,众人或门徒一样跟随主的人哀哭。 为今天的基督徒而哭,当盲信肓从,当我们没有真心来爱主而哀哭。

结论,

耶鲜今天寻找有无合符他心意的人,与他同行的人,寻找今天的马利亚,愿今天我们内心能尊主 为主。

The Tears of Jesus

Luke 19:28-44

Pastor Peter Tian

Today is Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphant entrance into Jerusalem , the last week of Jesus's life on earth

A week until Easter Sunday

Last time of Jesus entered the holy city, previously privately, this time publicly, rode on a donkey, entered as a glorious king,

People put down clothes, like welcoming a king

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

A celebration, a holiday atmosphere.

Yet jesus wept (mourn) during such a joyful occasion, why?

Is it because he knew his coming sufferings and his disciples would abandon him?

1. Jesus wept for what was coming to the city of Jerusalem

Luke 19:41-42 mourn for the city of Jerusalem. He saw the near future of the city, 30 years later, 70 AD

May of 66AD, the dispute of Jews and Samaritans, Romans took the opportunity to rub the temple.

Spring of 70AD, the Roman emperor send his son Titus to siege the city for 5m, famine, even people eating people, the city was taken down, more than a million Jews killed. The temple was burned, because the soldiers wanted to get the gold between the stones.

In the scripture, each historical event revealed that Israelites suffered because they sinned against God, this time because they had rejected the son of god, crucified him.

The lesson is god's judgment would come if no repentance

2. Jesus wept for the Pharisees' hardened hearts

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate."

Matthew 23:37-38 NIV

The political leaders had hardened hearts, only focused on the rituals.

God doesn't care about rituals, he sees our hearts. Their religion rejected the Messiah. They believed the Messiah, a noble, riding on high horse, strong, princely Jesus was a carpenter's son, humble and lowly Therefore they didn't accept Jesus, as He didn't fit their imagination Luke 19:39 the Pharisees said to Jesus to rebute his disciples because they called him the King, the Christ. Today, we are the same. We have a set of images, may not match the reality Jesus loves everyone, he saw the Pharisees live in their own imagination, rejected him, he cried for their hardened hearts

3. Jesus wept for people's blindness and ignorance in their faith Normally Christians celebrate Palm Sunday. Jesus look at people's hearts.

"The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! " "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"" John 12:12-13 NIV

"Now the crowd were with him when he called Lazarus out from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him." John 12:17-18 NIV

Because the crowds heard Jesus raised Lazarus from the death.

The same crowd who shouted hosanna, shouted crucify him!! In a short week, changed mind Matthew 27:20-26 because the priests and the elders persuaded them to release Barabbas The blind obedience and no clear understanding who Jesus was So build our own understanding, not blindly follow the leaders

4. Jesus wept for the disciples who followed the Lord in confusion

Luke 19:37 the disciples praised God because of all the miracles they had seen Jesus preformed.

Based on their personal experiences

Mark 10: 35-37

James and John, fighting to sit on the right hand of Jesus. This happened when Jesus on the way to Jerusalem, they argued who was the greatest. They had no clear understanding of why Jesus came to this world.

Mark 14:18 Mary appointed Jesus with perfume, to prepare for his burial.

The disciples thought he was going to be the king when he went to Jerusalem. Even Jesus repeated tell his disciples he would suffer In Jerusalem. At least three times recorded. Each had their own plan!

Satan is not afraid of us loving god, but we love god with our hearts

5. Jesus weeps for the people today just like he did in the time of the New Testament.

For those unbelievers

Christians give time and effort, not for own benefit, but for their benefits For believers, who follow blindly, or with hardened hearts not repent!