

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

September 3, 2023

Welcome!



"Also today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken."

Join us at 6pm for the first lesson in a new series called: ***Unsolved Mysteries of the Bible!***

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Prayer List

Doug Demonbreun had surgery Friday. The initial prognosis is good, and he was able to rest Friday night

Keith Walker is recovering at home from covid.

Maria Hunter Harrington is undergoing tests to determine why she is passing out. She is still in chemotherapy.

Steve Webb is continuing chemotherapy, but is back at work.

Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health

Continue to pray for: the **Buchanan** family, **Kristine Garrett, Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**; **Judy Cook**, the **Brown** family, **John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Weston Johnson** and **Bill Gillock**

We will have Bible bowl practice at 5:00 this afternoon

We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7 as Tim continues our study of Romans

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Eddie Walker

Prayer:
Jeff Baker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Jared Roaden
Matthew 21:1-9

Wait On Table:
Ricky Mayo

Serve:
Charlie Baker
Josh Demonbreun

Prayer:
Jearmie Gupton

Service Times

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| Sunday Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 am |
| Sunday PM Worship | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 pm |

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The Mount of Olives - Matthew 21:1-9; 24:3-25:46; 26:30-56

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One of my absolute favorite places to visit in the land of Israel is the Mount of Olives, just to the east of the Old City of Jerusalem. One of the main reasons why I love it so much is because of the incredible events that took place there during the last week of Jesus' life. This morning, we're going to do a survey of those three events as we continue looking at the gospel of Matthew.

(1) The T_____ E_____ (Matthew 21:1-9)

The first visit was at the beginning of this last week as He entered the city of Jerusalem. The donkey Jesus rode that day was found in the area of Bethany and Bethpage, on the east side of the Mount of Olives (**Matthew 21:1-9, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19**). Then, "when he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen" (**Luke 19:37**). During the ride, Jesus looked at the view in front of Him, wept over the city, and pronounced a judgment against it (**Luke 19:41-44**).

This ride into Jerusalem was to make public His claim of being the Messiah and King in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Just before a previous trip to Jerusalem, at the feast of tabernacles, He told His brothers His time had "not yet come" (**John 7:6**). Now His time is here! Matthew points out that this is the fulfillment of a prophecy from **Zechariah 9:9**, but it is also the fulfillment of another prophecy. By calling Him "Son of David", they are acknowledging Him as the King, who would occupy the throne of David forever (**2Sam 7:12-13; Psa 89:3-4; Isa 9:6-7; 11:1-10; Jer 23:5-6**). It is unlikely the crowd understood the true nature of His kingdom (**John 18:36**), and their cries of "Hosanna" (save me, please) were probably in anticipation of being delivered from their Roman oppressors. Jesus however, was beginning the final execution of God's plan to bring spiritual salvation to the world through His sacrifice.

(2) The O_____ D_____ (Matthew 24:3-25:46)

Jesus' second visit was to deliver a very lengthy discourse in **Matthew 24:3—25:46** (Parallel passages are found in **Mark 13:1-37** and **Luke 21:5-36**). This is Jesus' response to His disciples' question "When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?" Through 24:34, Jesus is discussing the destruction of Jerusalem that will occur in 70 A.D. Everything after this is emphasizing that His followers must **Stay Awake** because no one knows when Jesus will return. He does this by using two analogies and telling three parables. He then closes the discourse with a scene from judgment and the separation of the sheep from the goats. Ultimately staying awake involves utilizing all the resources God has entrusted to us in the work of His Kingdom.

(3) The P_____ of A_____ (Matthew 26:30-56)

Jesus' final visit that week was on the night He was betrayed. That evening began with the Last Supper in Jerusalem and ended in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives (**Matthew 26:30-56; Mark 14:26-50; Luke 22:39-53**). He took His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane (literally, "Garden of the Olive-press") located on the western slope of the Mount of Olives. There Jesus prayed in torment as He contemplated the day to come, and asked God to take this "cup" from Him. After Jesus prayed, Judas Iscariot arrived with a multitude to betray and arrest Jesus. It is important to remember that Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to be sacrificed, even though He did not want to do it.