



The Week That Changed Everything

Luke 19:28-44

Romans 5:10 says, *“If we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of His Son just think how our lives will expand and deepen by means of His resurrected life.”*

Jesus said in Luke 5:32, *“I’m here inviting outsiders not insiders - an invitation to a changed life, changed inside and out.”*

- ❖ Easter is God's invitation to you....To Us.
- ❖ What’s the invitation?
- ❖ To have a changed life.
- ❖ Or one step further to have a changing life.
- ❖ What do you want to change? What do you want to change about your life?
- ❖ Palm Sunday is the start of what I call...The Week That Changed Everything.

How To Change...For Good.

I. OPEN YOUR MIND TO GOD'S POWER

“Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Rom. 12:2

“Many are far away from the life of God because they have shut their minds against Him, so they can’t understand His ways.” Eph. 4:18

What causes us to close our minds to God?

- ❖ HURT
- ❖ PRIDE
- ❖ FEAR
- ❖ DOUBT

“I pray that you’ll begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him. It’s the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.” Eph. 7:19-20 (LB)

II. OPEN YOUR HEART TO GOD'S GRACE

“God has showered upon us the richness of His grace, for He understands us and knows what is best for us at all times.” Eph. 1:8

“God says He will accept and acquit us – declare us ‘not guilty’ – if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in the same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like.” Rom 3:22

“Saving is all His idea, and all His work. All we do is trust Him enough to let Him do it. It’s God’s gift from start to finish!” Eph. 2:8

“God gives grace to the humble... So let God work His will in you. Say a quiet yes to God and He’ll be there in no time.” James 4:6-8

III. OPEN YOUR LIFE TO GOD'S LOVE

“I pray that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite Him in... and that you will be able to feel and understand, how long, wide, deep, and high His love really is, and to experience this love for yourselves.” Eph. 3:16-19

“We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that He has already thrown open His door to us!” Romans 5:1-2

“Jesus has His arms wide open for you.” 1 Cor. 16:23

- ❖ Easter gives us the power to start over. Jesus gives us the power to keep going.
- ❖ He gives us the power to change, to be different.
- ❖ The bottom line is, Easter is not about big musical productions. Big numbers, big crowds.
- ❖ Easter is really about personal, intimate, internal change in me and in you.
- ❖ If you miss that you miss the whole purpose. It’s about change in you and me.

This week I challenge you to go back and read

Matthew 21:1-28:10, Mark 11:1-16:11 , Luke 19:28-24:12, John 12:12-20:18

And allow His story, His Words, His love, His peace, His grace, His mercy, His gift once again change and transform your life.