

The Gospel of John

An open scroll with Hebrew text is shown against a dark background. The scroll is unrolled, revealing text on both sides. A wooden handle is visible on the left side. Overlaid on the scroll is the title 'The Gospel of John' in large, bold, yellow letters. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew, with some words like 'המגלה' (The Revealer) and 'רפאל בן רחמיאל' (Raphael son of Rahmiel) visible.

Summary Ch.1-10

- Jesus had come as the Light of the world
- We were in darkness and blind to our true spiritual condition
- Rather than 'just take it on faith'...
- Jesus provided many witnesses to attest to His being the Son of Man (Messiah)
- The Jews recognised, but rejected His claim to be God
- Consequently they sought to stone Him for blasphemy

Summary Ch.1-10

- Two unresolved issues:

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- The 'reaction' of the Jews to Jesus
 - Their hatred had been festering
- The 'secrecy' surrounding Jesus
 - Deliberate suppression of who Jesus is
 - The Jews had tried to force a public confession
 - Jesus would not play their game
- The issue was one of timing
- Both reach their crescendo in Ch 11 & 12

Summary Ch.1-10

- Ch 1-10 cover around three & half years
- Ch 12-20 cover just one week
- The most important week in human history

Miracles in John's Gospel

- #1 (John 2:1-11) Water to wine:
- #2 (John 4:46-54) Healing of the nobleman's son:
- #3 (John 5:1-47) Healing at Bethesda:
- #4 (John 6:1-6) Feeding of the 5000:
- #5 (John 6:15-21) Walking on water:
- #6 (John 9:1-41) Healing of the blind man:
- #7 (John 11:1-57) Raising of Lazarus:



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Chapter 11

- 1** Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 2** (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
- 3** Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

John 11:1-3

4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

John 11:3

- Do we see our predicaments this way?
- cf. Romans 8:28

- 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
- 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.
- 7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

John 11:5-7

- God is not working to our timetable!

God's Ways

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

- 8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?
- 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.
- 10 But if a man walk in the night, **he stumbleth**, because there is no light in him.

John 11:8-10

- Confusion comes from not listening to His words
- Gr. 'Proskopto' - to strike at, surge against

I1 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

I2 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

I3 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

John 11:11-13

- Emphasizing the importance of what was just said

'Sleep'

- Used for death several times in the OT.
- But NT only for believers (1 Cor 15; 1 Thess 4:14; 5:10).
- 1) Sleep is harmless. Ps 23
- 2) Sleep come as a welcome relief. Eccl 5:12
- 3) We lie down to rise again. Dan 12:2
- 4) It is a time of rest. Rev 14:13
- 5) It shuts out the sorrows of life. John 5:28
- 6) It speaks of the ease with which the Lord will awaken us. "He just speaks our name."
- 7) A time when the body is fitted for the duties of the morrow.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

John 11:14-16

Personal Realisation

‘Thomas was naturally gloomy, not happy and healthy-minded, that was not the way he was made. He was loyal to Jesus Christ, but he took the “sick” view of life; he always thought the worst was going to happen. You remember that when Lazarus died and Jesus said He was going to Bethany, Thomas said, “Let us also go that we may die with Him.” It was no use going to Thomas and preaching the gospel of cheerfulness; you cannot alter facts by saying “Cheer up.” What did Jesus Christ do for Thomas? He brought him into personal contact with Him self and altered him entirely *(see John 20:24-29)*.

- *Oswald Chambers – Workmen of God*

- I7** Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.
- I8** Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:
- I9** And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

John 11:17-19

- 20** Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.
- 21** Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- 22** But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

John 11:20-22

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

John 11:23-26

- 5th 'I AM' statement (5 denotes grace & mercy)

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

John 11:27-29

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

John 11:30-31

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

John 11:32-35

He Knows

- 15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- 16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

He Knows

- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:5-8

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

John 11:36-37

- Contempt not compassion

- 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.
- 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.
- 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

John 11:38-40

- Can the impossible be possible?
- Do you have faith to move the stone?

Waters never part... Until our feet get wet

¹³ And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

Joshua 3:13

- See also 2 Kings 5 – Naaman the Syrian
- The LORD allows us to participate
- Part of His training program

- 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
- 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
- 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

John 11:41-43

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

John 11:44

- Amazing experience for Lazarus
- cf. 1 Corinthians 15 / 1 Thessalonians 4
- Lazarus is now raised, but bound
- Note: the intensity of the moment!

- 45 Then **many** of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.
- 46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.
- 47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

John 11:45-47

- Final harvest before nightfall

⁴⁸ If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

John 11:48

- Major underlying issue:
- This could lead to an uprising against Rome
- This was what the Messiah was to do:

Messianic Expectation

- The Jews were awaiting a national deliverer
- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“the Lord God shall give unto him **the throne of his father David**: And he shall **reign over the house of Jacob** for ever”* (Luke 1:32-33)
- *“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me **that is to be ruler in Israel**”* (Micah 5:2)

Messianic Expectation

- The Jews were awaiting a national deliverer
- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.” (Luke 1:54-55)*

Messianic Expectation

- The Jews were awaiting a national deliverer
- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us”*
(Luke 1:68-71)

Messianic Expectation

- The Jews were awaiting a national deliverer
- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?**”*
(Matt 2:1-2)
- Even the disciples thought Jesus would *‘at this time restore the kingdom to Israel’* (Acts 1:6)

49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

John 11:49-50

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

John 11:51-52

53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

John 11:53-54

- The decision is made, now it's about timing
- Because the timing is key, Jesus withdraws

- 55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.
- 56 Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?
- 57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.

John 11:55-57

Lazarus – A Model

- Four stages:
- Dead
- Defeated
- Dangerous
- Dining



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Chapter 12

I Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

John 12:1

- Bethany becomes Jesus' residence during this week
- John makes mention that this was the location of the raising of Lazarus
- 'Then Jesus six days...'
- What does John mean by 'passover'

A Clue?

I Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh,
which is called the Passover.

Luke 22:1

Feasts & Festivals

- The first day of unleavened bread - 14th
- The feast of Passover - 14th
- The feast of Unleavened Bread - 15th
- The feast of unleavened bread
 - Festival period – counted from the 15th
- The passover
 - Festival period – counted from the 15th

7 days of unleavened bread

14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
 Feast of Passover	 Feast of Unleavened Bread						
Holy Convocation	High Sabbath						Holy Convocation

John's Passover

¹ Now **before the feast of the passover**, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

² And **supper being ended**, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;...

John 13:1-2


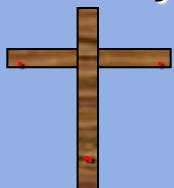

No Contradiction

- John, Luke & Mark all refer to the feast (festival) of unleavened bread (beginning on the 15th) as the Passover
 - Mark 14:1
 - Luke 22:1
 - John 13:1

“In the same way that the Feast of Weeks came to be commonly designated Pentecost, the feast of Unleavened Bread was popularly called the Passover. That title was common to the supper and the feast, and included both; but the intelligent Jew would never confound the two; and if he spoke emphatically of the feast of the Passover, he would thereby mark the festival to the exclusion of the supper.”

Sir Robert Anderson – The Coming Prince

“6 days before the passover” John 12:1

	173,880 days				Feast of Passover	Unleavened Bread	Sabbath	Feast of Firstfruits
9 th Saturday	10 th Sunday 	11 th Monday	12 th Tuesday	13 th Wednesday	14 th Thursday 	15 th Friday	16 th Saturday	17 th Sunday 
1	2	3	4	5	6	1 st Day	2 nd Day	3 rd Day
Jesus arrives Bethany				14 th Begins	1 st Night	2 nd Night	3 rd Night	


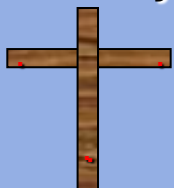

← Passion Week →

² There they made him a supper; and Martha served:
but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table
with him.

John 12:2

- Compare with Luke 10:38-42!

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	Triumphal Entry				Crucifixion			Resurrection Mark 16:2
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Passion Week

A Parenthesis

Verses 3 - 8

The anointing of Jesus by Mary

- This event actually occurred 3 days later (on the Tuesday)
- Why does John insert it here?
 - It was so important (and promised as a memorial to Mary)
 - It occurred at the same location as the evening supper (i.e. 'in like manner')
 - It gives the background for John 13:2
 - John therefore had to include it somewhere

Parenthesis

- 1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.
 - 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.
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- 9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

John 12:1-2,9...

Earlier Parenthesis

¹ Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

² (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

³ Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

John 11:1-3

A Parenthesis

Verses 3 - 8

“Then took Mary a pound of ointment...”

Gr. *oun* (*oon*); apparently a primary word;
(adverbially) certainly, or
(conjunctionally) accordingly:

KJV: but, now (then), so (likewise then),
then, therefore, verily, wherefore

Just as on this occasion we had a supper,
so also, in like manor...

³ Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

John 12:3

- A pound of spikenard = 1 years wages
- Plant extract (from India)
- Mary's life had been radically altered
- Her value system had now changed

A Challenge To Re-evaluate

- 7 But *what* things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
- 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for *whom* I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Phil 3:7-11

A Challenge To Re-evaluate

- 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Phil 3:7-11

- 4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,
- 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

John 12:4-5

- The logic of compromise
- We can present such practical reasons for not surrendering all
- *'But we must consider...'*

A Bag With Holes

4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

Haggai 1:4-6

- 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.
- 7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.
- 8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

John 12:6-8

Parenthesis

- 1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.
 - 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.
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- 9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

John 12:1-2,9...

- IO But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;*
- II Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.*

John 12:10-11

I2 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

I3 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

John 12:12-13

- Clearly 'Palm Sunday'
- The people sing Psalm 118

- I4** And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,
- I5** Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.
- I6** These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that **these things were written of him**, and that they had done these things unto him.

John 12:14-16

- Zechariah 9:9

Palm Sunday – The Background

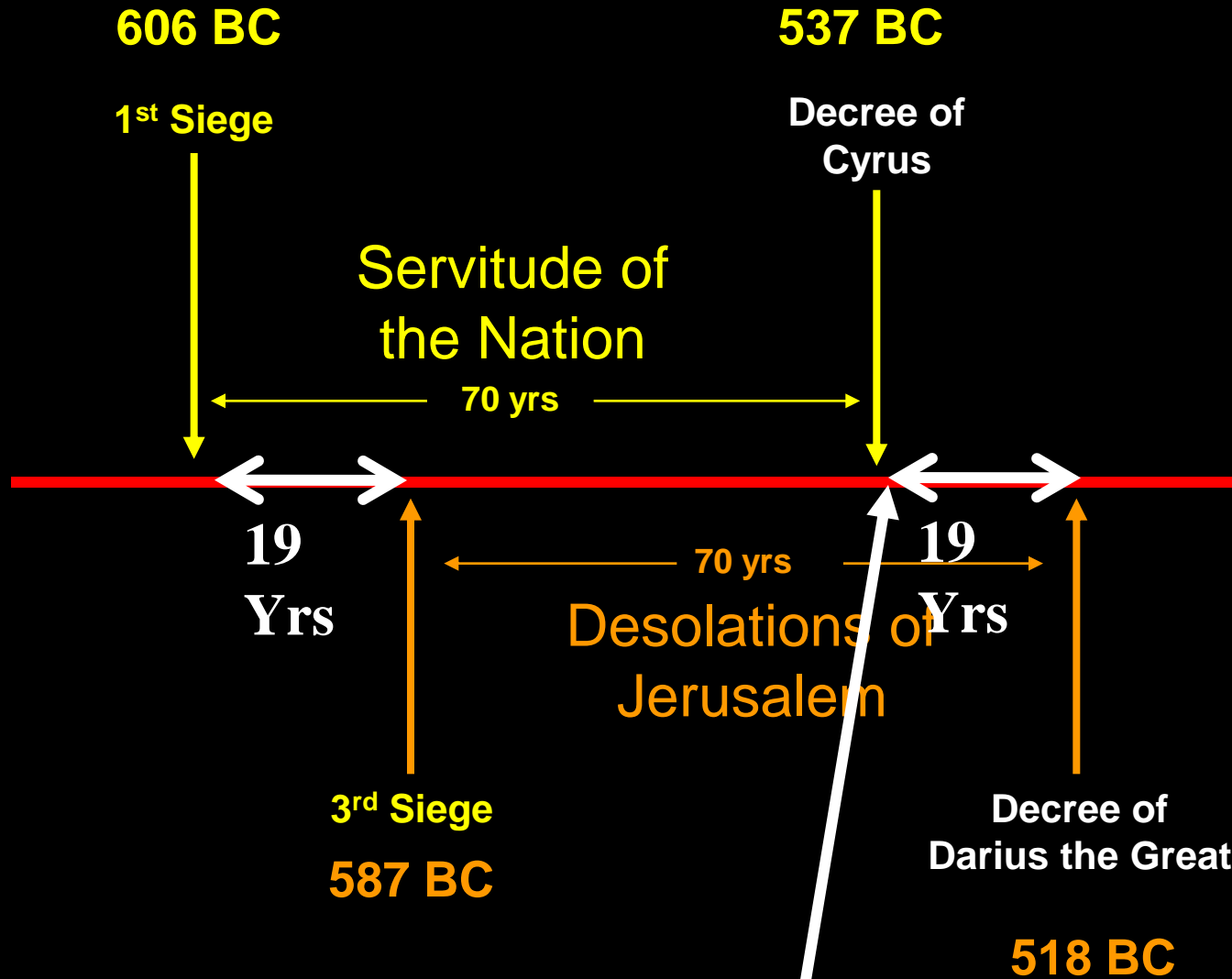
- Israel – delivered from Egypt
- Given the Law at Mt Sinai
- Including the ‘Sabbath for the land’
 - Lev 26:27-35
- For failure to keep, judgment was promised
 - 2 Chron 36:17-21
- This led to the Babylonian Captivity
- In 606 B.C. The 70 year ‘Servitude’ began & Daniel deported (as a young teenager)
 - Jeremiah 29: 10-11 / Daniel 1:1-3

Palm Sunday – The Background

- In 587 B.C. Jerusalem was destroyed and the 70 yrs of 'desolations' began
 - Jer emiah 25:11-12
- In 539 B.C. Babylon falls to the Persians (under the hand of Cyrus)
- In 537 B.C. Cyrus signs a decree allowing the Jews to return home



Servitude / Desolations



Daniel reads Jeremiah 25:11-12

20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

²³ At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Daniel 9:23

Daniel's 70 Weeks

²⁴ [490 years] are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:24

Daniel's 70 Weeks

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks [**49 years**], and threescore and two weeks [**434 years**]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Daniel 9:25

Daniel's 70 Weeks

- Command to restore & build Jerusalem
- Seven weeks ($7 \times 7 \text{ years} = 49 \text{ years}$)
- Sixty two weeks ($62 \times 7 = 432 \text{ years}$)
- Street and Wall rebuilt
- 'Troublous times' (Ezra / Nehemiah)
- 483 years conclude with Messiah

Daniel's 70 Weeks

Command to restore
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years

1st Nisan 445 B.C.
20th yr
Artaxerxes
Longimanus
14th March 445 B.C.



God's Reputation

- 9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,
- 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:9-10

Daniel's 70 Weeks

Command to restore
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years

$$360d \times 483y = 173,880 \text{ days}$$

1st Nisan 445 B.C.

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14th March 445 B.C.

The Triumphal Entry

6th April A.D. 32

(10th Nisan)

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.

31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

Luke 19:29-32

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Luke 19:37-38

39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Luke 19:39-40

41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Luke 19:41-44

Palm Sunday

- *“When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, **to make him a king**, he departed again into a mountain himself alone” (John 6:14-15).*
- *And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man”** (Matt 8:2-4).*
- *“Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; **and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it”** (Mt 9:27-30).*

Palm Sunday

- For the first time in His ministry, Jesus allows Himself to be worshipped and hailed as the King, the Messiah
- Jesus not only allows it, He arranges the whole event!
- Because Israel miss it, national blindness is pronounced upon them
- Until...
- Romans 11:25
 - ‘the fullness of the gentiles be come in’

I⁷ The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

I⁸ For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

John 12:17-18

- The danger of experienced based faith

19 *The Pharisees therefore said among themselves,
Perceiue ye how ye prevaile nothing? behold, the world
is gone after him.*

John 12:19

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

John 12:20-22

²³ And Jesus answered them, saying, **The hour is come,**
that the Son of man should be glorified.

John 12:23

- “Mine hour is not yet come” (John 2:1-4)
- “My time is not yet come... for my time is not yet full come.” (John 7:6-8).
- but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.” (John 7:30).

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 12:24

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

John 12:25-26

²⁷ Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?
Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause
came I unto this hour.

John 12:27

- This hour was what it had all been about!
- Gr. hora (ho'-rah); an "hour"
 - (literally or figuratively):
- KJV - day, hour, instant, season,

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

John 12:28-30

- Third time 'a voice from heaven'
- Baptism (**Matt 3:17**) / Transfiguration (**Matt 3:17**)

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

John 12:31-33

- Verse 32: Golden rule for evangelism

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

John 12:34

- 35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.
- 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

John 12:35-36

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John 12:37-38

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39 Therefore they could not believe, because **that Esaias**
said again,

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart;
that they should not see with their eyes, nor
understand with their heart, and be converted, and I
should heal them.

41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and
spake of him.

John 12:39-41

- **Isaiah 6:1-10**

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

John 12:42-43

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- 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*
- 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.*

Matt 10:32-33

44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me,
believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever
believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

John 12:44-46

- Jesus final public address

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

John 12:47-48

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

John 12:49-50

Concise Summery

- Believing in Jesus is Believing in God
- The are one and the same
- Jesus came to bring light
- No one now need abide in darkness
- The evidence is overwhelming – the words of Jesus are enough to convince all
- Jesus has spoken the word of God
- The Word brings life or condemnation



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