

Not Just Any Given Sunday
(Matthew 21: 1-11)
March 24, 2024 - Pastor Chris Thielen

Introduction:

Something is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it.

*“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own; you were bought at a price.** Therefore, honor God with your bodies.” (I Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV)*

1. Jesus eagerly _____ with us -- respond _____ to Him

**4 Steps to Biblical Story --
Creation—Fall—Redemption—Restoration**

Creation --

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made”. (John 1:1-3, NIV)

Fall --

“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.” (John 1:10-11, NIV)

Redemption --

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12, NIV)

2. Jesus clearly _____ God for us – think _____ about Him

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*
(Zechariah 9:9, NIV)

Be careful that the Jesus you worship is the Jesus who Jesus says He is.

There was a lot of palm waving & robe spreading & shouting for a Jesus they hoped was a Military King and not a Suffering Servant.

You do not get to choose your way to the Father.

There are NOT many paths to the Father where you choose the one that you like.
All roads lead to God because everyone will face Him on judgment day.
But not all roads lead to a relationship with the Father.

“For the Son of man came not to be served but to serve and offer his life as a ransom for many”
(Mark 10:45, NIV)

“It amazes me that we believe that God would crush and kill His own son and let you slide.”
-- Voddie Baucham

3. Jesus willingly _____ for us – _____ suffering with Him

Can you be trusted with testing?

There are some character qualities that God wants us to have to prepare us for Heaven that can only be learned through suffering.

BONUS: Jesus is _____ Sacrificed for us -- worship Him _____

Restoration --

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain” (Revelation 5:12, NIV)