To Know or Not To Know?

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013

Thesis:

Every Believer is Accountable to Know the Word of God!

Introduction: Last Week: We were reminded that we need to guard the truth of God's Word.

I.) Israel, You Should Have Known! (Luke 19: 28 – 42)

28 When He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 As He approached Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives,

He sent two of the disciples

30 and said, "Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a young donkey tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here.

31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

 $32\ \text{So}$ those who were sent left and found it just as He had told them.

33 As they were untying the young donkey, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the donkey?"

34 "The Lord needs it," they said.

35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their robes on the donkey, they helped Jesus get on it.

36 As He was going along, they were spreading their robes on the road.

37 Now He came near the path down the Mount of Olives, and the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen:

38 The King who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

39 Some of the Pharisees from the crowd told Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 He answered, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out!" (More of Passage on next page)

41 As He approached and saw the city, He wept over it, 42 saying, "If you knew this day what would bring peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

(Zechariah 9:9)

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous & victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

(Daniel 9: 25 - 26a)

25 Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince will be seven weeks and 62 weeks. It will be rebuilt with a plaza and a moat, but in difficult times.

26 After those 62 weeks the Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing. From the Decree to Restore Jerusalem Until Jesus Rode the Colt into Jerusalem it was 173,880 days!

II. Gentile Believers Know Your Place! (Romans 11: 25 – 26)

25 So that you will not be conceited, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery: A partial hardening has come to Israel until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

The Liberator will come from Zion; He will turn away godlessness from Jacob.

(Ephesians 3: 8 - 10)

8 This grace was given to me—the least of all the saints—to proclaim to the Gentiles the incalculable riches of the Messiah, 9 and to shed light for all about the administration of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things. 10 This is so God's multi-faceted wisdom may now be made known through the church to the rulers and authorities in the heavens.

(Colossians 2:3)

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Him.

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(I Timothy 4:13)

Until I come, give your attention to public reading, exhortation, and teaching. Read the Word

(I Peter 2:2)

Like newborn infants, desire the pure spiritual milk, so that you may grow by it for your salvation,

Desire the Word - So You Can Grow

(Romans 15:4)

For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.

Old and New Testament Written for Our Instruction and Encouragement

(Psalm 119: 105)

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.

The Word Gives Us Direction

(Psalm 119: 10 - 11)

10 I have sought You with all my heart; don't let me wander from Your commands.

11 I have treasured Your word in my heart so that I may not sin against You.

Memorize the Word - Embed it in Your Heart - Treasure It!

(Matthew 4:4)

But He answered, "It is written:

Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

You Need the Word to Live! Life is More Than the Physical.

(More Scriptures on Next Page)

(II Timothy 2:15)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.

Study the Word! So You Use the Word Correctly

(James 1: 19 - 25)

19 My dearly loved brothers, understand this: Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger,

20 for man's anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.

21 Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and evil, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save you. 22 But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror.

24 For he looks at himself, goes away, & immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

25 But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works—this person will be blessed in what he does.

Be Hearers of the Word and Be Doers of the Word

Conclusion:

(II Corinthians 5:18)

Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

Know the Word To Reach Others For the Lord

Daily Bible Reading Challenge

(Have Ushers Hand Out)

Try reading for one week every day before you start your day and see what a difference it will make. Or read before you go to bed and see what a difference it will make in your night's rest and how you wake up the next day.

Next Week We Will Have April's Daily Reading Bible Schedule in the Bulletin for you to use. 4