

The Corona Chronicle.

Being Church in Partial lockdown.

Sunday March 28th.

Palm Sunday



The God of Revelation

Read **John 12v12-19** **Genesis 42v1-8**

There was famine in the land of Canaan as well as Egypt and Jacob and his family heard there was grain in Egypt so the brothers, apart from Benjamin, went to buy grain.

Unknown to them they had to deal with their brother Joseph now a Prince of Egypt. Although the brothers did not realise who Joseph, in his Princely raiment, was and they bowed down before him, in fulfilment of the Joseph's dream. They wanted to be saved from the famine that was inflicting Canaan and they bowed to the one whom they thought could save them. They did not recognise him as their brother because Joseph had chosen not to reveal himself to them. It was not until Joseph chose to reveal himself to his brothers that they saw who he actually was.

John 12v12-19

The crowd that lined the route also misunderstood the one that they were shouting 'Hosanna' (Save us) to. Yet they were part of the fulfilling of prophecy. Predicted by Zechariah 500 years before.

The People misunderstood

In John's account of the 'triumphant entry' we read that multitudes took branches and went out to greet Him. They thought He would be a political Messiah, that would throw off

the Romans. There had been many leaders who wanted to throw off the Roman yoke but the messiah, this Messiah, was different. He had healed the sick, raised the dead. Opposed by the religious leaders who inflicted traditions upon them. But later many would say 'crucify Him'.

The disciples did not understand at first until Jesus was glorified.

Although they had seen close the amazing miracles that Jesus had performed it was not until the resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit when Jesus was glorified that the Holy Spirit opened their eyes to the scriptures.

When witnessing or sharing the gospel you will often see many glazed eyes. People are hearing but they are not taking it in. To tell people they are sinners, that Jesus died in their place on the cross results often in glazed eyes. But when the Holy Spirit shows that the burden of sin means that you are in a Prison of sin and can do nothing about it and Jesus' atoning sacrifice is the answer then souls are quickened.

On the road to Jerusalem the disciples had an extremely limited understanding of the Lord's person. Yet in time, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, they understood.

In the same way Joseph's brothers had no understanding who the Prince of Egypt really was, until in their desperation for food, they came back in humility and Joseph revealed himself to his brothers.

Believers are to seek the Lord.

In his letter to the church in Rome, Paul quotes a verse from the Psalms: "There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God." ([Romans 3:11](#)).

This seems to suggest of all who have ever lived, not even one person has sought-after God?

There is no question that billions of people have sought after **a god**, but they have not always sought after the true God.

Natural man can perceive only bits and pieces of the real truth about God. As a result, conceptions about God are blurred.

And it will be partly (a mirror dimly) until we see Him face to face. 1 Cor.13v12

We shall never fully know until we see Him in glory. When we are glorified as God is glorified. Like Joseph chose to reveal himself to his brothers. It is only when God chooses to reveal Himself to us that the pieces begin to fall into place and then our eyes are opened to truth.

The Important thing is 'What God chooses to reveal to us.'

"But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes (speculations), knowing that they generate strife." 2 Timothy 2:23

We are often tempted to speculate about things not found in scripture. But God has chosen for a purpose not to reveal them.

We are called to take the plain meaning of Scripture. What does it say? What is the context? What does it say in the light of other scriptures?

We may sometimes wonder why ordinary people like us have come to understand such wonderful truths as are revealed in scripture by the Holy Spirit.

We may even be tempted to call our faith into question, since so many educated and clever people have not seen these truths themselves.

But we understand spiritual truth not because of our intellect but *because God has chosen to reveal spiritual truth to us.*

God alone decides to whom He will reveal His glorious truth, and from whom He will hide it.

Why did God choose you and me? It was His **good pleasure** to do so. *He chose us because He chose to choose us.*

This starts when we turn to Him for salvation and put our trust in Jesus Christ. When we are saved, we receive the indwelling Holy Spirit who helps us to know God and even transforms our hearts to want to seek Him and to seek Him more.

[Romans 12:2](#) counsels, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." We learn the truth about God and seek Him through reading His Word (the Bible).

We seek God also through prayer and in times of worship. We seek God both individually and corporately. Spending time with other believers in Jesus who are also seeking God is important to help us continue to seek Him.

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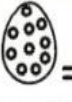

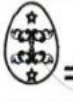



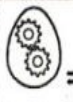
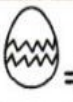










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THINGS ONE WOULD RATHER HAVE EXPRESSED DIFFERENTLY








Our Curate (who is going to describe to us his little holiday in Lovely Lucerne). 'My dear friends—I will not call you "Ladies and Gentlemen," since I know you too well—'














Crack the Code














When the disciples came to eat the Passover meal with Jesus he greeted them in a way they did not expect Crack the code and find out what Jesus did. Watch out for look-alikes! (N & D and L&T)













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Hymns Readings and Prayers

EXHORTING TO WORSHIP

From Song of Songs 2

See, the winter is past, the snows are over and gone; flowers appear on the earth, the season of singing has come; the trees are beginning to bud, the blossom has spread its fragrance; the cry of the birds is heard in our land: arise, come and worship. **Amen.**

*All glory, praise and honour,
to You, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 You are the king of Israel,
Great David's greater son;
You ride in lowly triumph,
The Lord's anointed one!
All glory, praise...

2 The company of angels
Are praising You on high,
And we with all creation
Together make reply:
All glory, praise...

3 The people of the Hebrews
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present.
All glory, praise...

4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
All glory, praise...

5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
For You delight in goodness
O good and gracious king!
All glory, praise...

Gloria, laus et honor, Theodulf of Orleans (c.750 - 821), translated by John Mason Neale (1818 - 1866), adapted by Jubilate Hymns
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Readings Genesis 42v1-8

42 When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" 2 And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die."

3 So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "Lest some calamity befall him." 5 And the sons of Israel went to buy grain among those who journeyed, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 Now Joseph was governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth. 7 Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?"

And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

8 So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

John 12v12-16

12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of Palm trees and went out to meet Him and cried out "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!"

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Prayer

We praise You, O God,
For Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
And was proclaimed Messiah and king
By those who spread garments and branches along His way.
Just as we carry these branches,
May we follow Christ in the way of the cross that,
Dying and rising with Him, we may enter into Your kingdom;
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
With You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer (1979) of the Episcopal Church

God of all,
You gave Your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant
and to be obedient even to death on a cross.
Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

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