

#451 The Great Divide, The End Of Injustice

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The Sunday School teacher was extremely enthusiastic. She looked at the class of four-years old's and asked this question: "Does anyone know what today is?"

A little girl held up her finger and said, "Yes today is Palm Sunday." "That's fantastic!" the teacher replied. "Does anyone know what next Sunday is?"

The same little girl held up her finger and said, "Next Sunday is Easter Sunday." Again, the teacher replied, "That's great!"

Then the teacher asked, "Does anyone know what makes next Sunday Easter?" The little girl again responded, "Yes, next Sunday is Easter Sunday because Jesus rose from the grave."

But before the teacher could again congratulate her, she continued, "**But if he sees his shadow, he has to go back in for six weeks!**"

Corrie ten Boom was once asked if it were difficult for her to remain humble. Her reply was simple. "When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road, and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" **She continued,** "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor."

This is the beginning of passion week. Jesus is entering a head on collisions with all the forces of darkness.

The week begins with the crowd singing Hosanna. In four days, they will scream crucify him! In seven days, He will rise from the dead in victory.

The feast of Passover:

Today they brought the sacrifice for inspection.

Today they got rid of the leaven.

This day Jesus came for inspection.

This day He cleansed His temple.

Today He begins His final assault to secure **JUSTICE FOR ALL!**

Matthew 21:9 "Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!'"

Matthew 21:10 "And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?'"

Moved:— (Seio) to shake, agitate, cause to tremble

Luke 19:41-44 "He saw the city and **wept over it**, saying, 'If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes' ... because you did not know the **time of your visitation.**"

Matthew 21:12-13 "Jesus went straight to the Temple and threw out everyone who had set up shop, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of loan sharks and the stalls of dove merchants. He quoted this text: My house was designated a house of prayer;"

Why was Jesus so upset? Crowd was with Him. We've got momentum here ... don't mess it up!!!

Psalm 89:13-15 "Your arm is powerful, your hand strong, your right hand victorious. **Equity and justice** are the foundation of your throne...

"... Loyal love and faithfulness characterize your rule. How blessed are the people who worship you! O Lord, they experience your favor."

1. Hindrances Are Removed “...threw out... kicked over” vs12

Unwelcomed Additions Barriers and Limitations

Injustice:— the quality or fact of being unjust; inequity. violation of the rights of others; unjust or unfair action or treatment. **Discrimination**

2. Proper Purpose Restored “...a house of prayer.” vs13

People coming to be reconciled with their God are not being disqualified, shamed.

Isaiah 56:7 “*Make them joyful in my house of prayer... for all nations.*”

Prayer:— (tef-il-law) Intense prophetic prayer, music

3. Power Is Demonstrated “...blind and lame came ...and He healed them.” vs14

John Wimber “In what meeting do you do the stuff?”

4. Religious Spirit Manifests vs15 “...they became indignant”

When liberty and freedom are in expression, religion goes into full manifestation.

5. Atmosphere Of Triumph vs16

“*Out of the mouth of babes ... You have ordained strength, (PRAISE)*

Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.” **Psalm 8:2**

Hosanna:-- from two words, (save or liberate) and (now or beseech): we beseech you save us, liberate us, now!

The Spirit of God is crying out to the **CHURCH: Demand justice!**