

# Man of Sorrows

## Palm Sunday & The Triumphal Entry

2021-03-28 by Ben Deaver at Tallgrass Church on Isaiah 53:2-7

### CG Flow:

- Living Hope
- Jesus Paid It All
- Dismiss Sprouts
- Teaching
- Man of Sorrows and Poster Board Interaction
- The Blessing

### Facebook Live Description:

Join us at the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan at 10am or right here online!

"Man of Sorrows"

Isaiah 53:3-7

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*Because God first loved you, you exist to love God and love your neighbors!*

## Welcome to the second Sunday of Spring! And Palm Sunday!

*Mingle Question: How will you lean into Holy Week this year?*

Invite a friend to the Club next Sunday!

Holy Week resources on RightNow Media, "The Netflix of Christian Bible Study"

- I've found myself looking for resources on church small groups and leadership development recently. You can search for all sorts of topics. This is free to you from Tallgrass Church. All I need is your email address.
- Easter Week: Jelly Telly
- Easter: J.D. Greear

Messianic Passover Seder

Gabriel Remington is visiting us next Sunday!

*Dismiss to Sprouts.*

## Spring has arrived!

- All hands on deck is how church should be and is definitely how our church is in this season.
- Let's recommit ourselves to Christ and to one another. And let's welcome people in who don't yet know Christ and are looking for something, whether that's spiritual growth or to deal with a specific issue in life or they just need a friend.
- Plans are in process for the rest of spring and summer and fall. Please give any input to me or Dave or Elisha or Ron or any of our spouses.
- Guys Group and Ladies' Night are running through May.
  - Guys Group is this Tuesday.
  - Lean into these and make the most of them.
- Paxton speaks to March Gladne\$\$!
  - Make March budget plus \$ for a trailer.
  - Making a pledge is helpful if you haven't received your stimulus yet.
  - \$4105 as of yesterday!

## Lent

The season of Lent is the 40 days before Easter that corresponds to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting before launching His public ministry that ended with the pain of Good Friday, His crucifixion, and gave birth to a new season of ministry that began on Easter morning with His triumphant Resurrection.

## Lament birthing hope

The Lenten season is one of lament giving birth to hope! What a timely moment to lament well and move into hope. Dare I say unrelenting hope?

Consider Holy Week.

- Palm Sunday and the Triumphal Entry
- Jesus' teaching throughout the week
- Maundy Thursday and the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper
- Good Friday and the Crucifixion
- Easter Sunday and the Resurrection
- Triumphal Entry leading towards a brutal death! But that's not the end of the story...

Who do you talk to?

- Do you talk to Jesus, the Father, the Holy Spirit, all three persons of the Trinity?!
- I think now's a good time to talk to Jesus. If you want to talk to the Father, that's cool. But I'm going to encourage you to talk to Jesus this week.

## Man of Sorrows

- Jesus is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
- How heavy is the grief in this room? I can't carry that grief. What if we added the grief of those who are on Zoom or watching on Facebook Live? Now let's add the grief of those who are connected to our church family but not here. Let's keep broadening our circle to consider the weight of grief that exists in the world as if we could measure it. That is heavy. The same Man who created the universe can carry this grief...if we will let Him.

### Isaiah 53:2

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

### Isaiah 53:3

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Pray!

"Man of sorrows, grieve with me, so I can grieve with others and move into unrelenting hope. Amen."

## Man of sorrows—Jesus is the Man of sorrows.

**John 1:1-3** <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- Conversation with Kate about the Big Bang and the singularity.

**Hebrews 5:7** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

- Jesus is the Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He's acquainted with your grief. He wants to connect with you in your sorrow.
- Jesus wept as He walked this earth. Jesus cried as He considered the circumstances. Jesus can weep with you too.
- His grief didn't begin when He walked this earth.
- He has been grieving since Adam and Eve first broke relationship with Him.
- He grieved at the violence and destruction on the earth before the Flood in Genesis 6.
- He grieved at the unity of humanity apart from relational connectivity with Him at the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11.
- He grieved at the family dysfunction of Israel, who was to be blessed to be a blessing to everyone around them but instead continually rebelled against the Good Shepherd.
- Every page of Scripture from Genesis 3 to Revelation 20 are filled with Jesus' grief.
- Think of the grief of the shepherd who loses a sheep in Luke 15. That's Jesus weeping over YOU!
- **Psalm 23**—Valley of the shadow of death
- **Matthew 23:37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"
- His friend, Judas, betrayed Him.
- His friend, Peter, denied Him.
- The problem of evil and suffering is resolved in the very body of Jesus Christ.
- His church does not represent Him well.
- Every broken marriage, every abused person, every idol we place above Him, all of this grieves Jesus, the Man of sorrows.
- And what about His grief on the cross when He felt forsaken by God, His Father?

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

*Grieve with me*—Jesus longs to connect with you in your sorrow.

- Jesus longs to connect with you in your sorrow and grief.

**Hebrews 4:15-16** <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Jesus can connect with each of the 7.9 billion people on earth.
- What grief do you carry this morning? Are you able to connect with your sorrow?
- Don't minimize your sorrow and grief!
- We could focus in on one story of suffering and be moved to empathy.

**Jambo**

- I could share with you just about the suffering of my 14 year old dog, Jambo, and you would probably be moved to empathy for her and for our family as we are facing her probable death soon. And if I shared with you about how important she has been to our family all these years and how hard this will hit us, especially my 8-year-old son, Maddox, you would be pulled to empathy if you would enter into our grief.
- There is so much sorrow and grief right here in our own community, not to mention across the globe. Jesus invites you to invite Him to grieve with you.
- Biblical lament gives birth to unrelenting hope!

**Psalms of Lament**

- Individual—3, 4, 5, 7, 9-10, 13, 14, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27\*, 28, 31, 36\*, 39, 40:12-17, 41, 42-43, 52\*, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 64, 70, 71, 77, 86, 89\*, 120, 139, 141, 142
- Communal—12, 44, 58, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 85, 89\*, 90, 94, 123, 126, 129
- Penitential/Repentance—6, 32\*, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
- Imprecatory/Call for Judgment—35, 69, 83, 88, 109, 137, 140
- \*Difficult to classify because could fit into more than one group or are mixed types
- Structure of Lament Psalms—Protest, Petition, Praise
  - Huh-uh, Huggle, Hope

**Psalm 142:1-3—Protest**

A Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer.

<sup>1</sup> With my voice I cry out to the LORD;

with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaint before him;

I tell my trouble before him.

<sup>3</sup> When my spirit faints within me,

you know my way!

In the path where I walk

they have hidden a trap for me.

- Cry out to God verbally...out at the Konza Prairie or somewhere.
- And then write out a Psalm of lament. Many of us call this journaling.

**Psalm 142:4-5—Protest continued**

<sup>4</sup> Look to the right and see:

there is none who takes notice of me;

no refuge remains to me;

no one cares for my soul.

<sup>5</sup> I cry to you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my refuge,

my portion in the land of the living."

**Psalm 142:6-7a—Petition**

<sup>6</sup> Attend to my cry,

for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me!

<sup>7a</sup> Bring me out of prison,

that I may give thanks to your name!

- Crying is good for you, as Bill pointed out last Sunday on Zoom!
- Jesus keeps track of your tears. Jesus cries with you.
- **Psalm 56:8** You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?

**Psalm 142:7b—Praise/Hope**

<sup>7a</sup> The righteous will surround me,

for you will deal bountifully with me.

- Out of this bounty we can grieve with others.

*So I can grieve with others*—Jesus longs for you to connect with others in their sorrow.

- Last Sunday we took time to lament together on Zoom without being on Facebook Live and it encouraged me. We need to learn to sit with one another in our grief...but not to stay there. To move towards connection with the Man of sorrows and unrelenting hope.
- **2 Corinthians 1:3-5** <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
- What kind of emotional and spiritual health and connection with Christ and empathy for others would we be able to offer if we allowed Jesus to grieve with us?!

### **Isaiah 53:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

### **Response:**

Turn back again to Jesus. Or turn to Jesus for the first time. Connect with Jesus, the Man of sorrows. Invite Jesus into your sorrow. Allow Him to lead you into unrelenting hope. And allow Him to lead you to connect with others in their grief so you can help connect them to the Man of sorrows as well.

### **Homework:**

1. Connect with another—Invite someone to meet Jesus here next Sunday morning, Resurrection Sunday.
2. Connect with the Man of sorrows
3. Start a Psalm of Lament on this White Board with a Post It Note

*Man of Sorrows, grieve with me...*

Pray!

## **Man of Sorrows**

### **Rubys**

- Peter and Emily Ruby are transitioning from Tallgrass Church to get involved in a church in Wamego closer to where they live.
- Next Sunday will be their last Sunday with us. Please share with them your gratitude for their service and how much we'll miss them this week.

Welcome kids from Sprouts!

### **The Blessing**