

Sermon Study Guide
3/25/18

Gods' grace growing in us, among us, and through us, bringing the fullness of Jesus Christ to all of life.

Series Theme

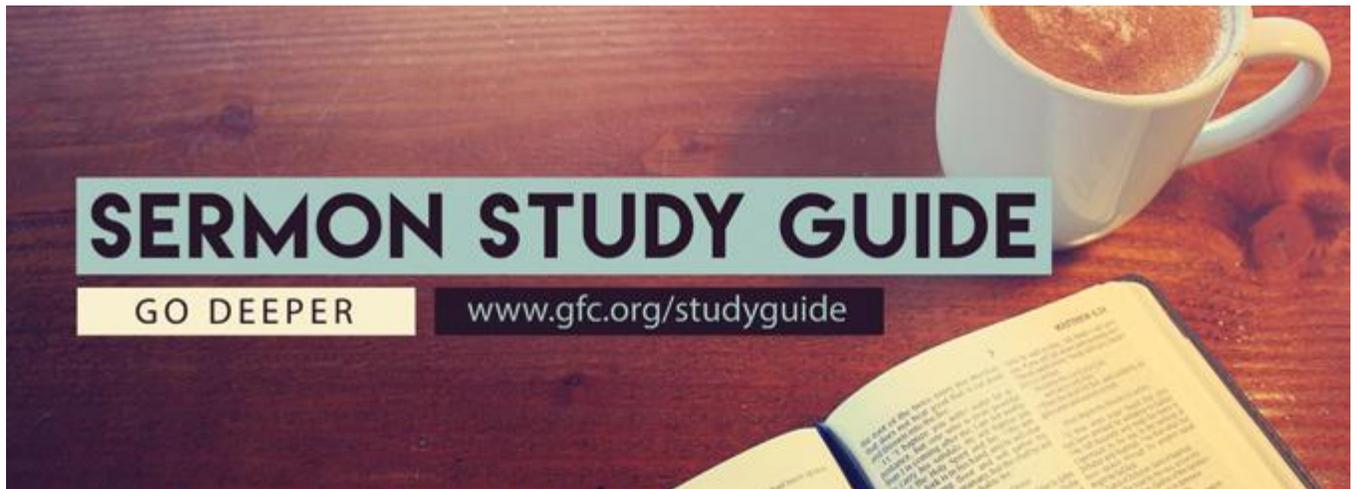
Palm Sunday

Sermon Title

Tragedy or Triumph (Pat Goodman)

Key Sermon Points

- Like the long suffering sports fans of Philadelphia, we could all use a little triumph in our lives.
- Jesus had a message in His method on that Palm Sunday He entered into Jerusalem.
- Jesus came at Passover, as the Lamb of God, to be slain, to liberate man from our long slavery to sin.
- Prophecy of Zechariah had proclaimed that the king (Messiah) would come to Jerusalem riding through the Kidron valley on a donkey.
- Hosanna is a combination of two Hebrew words: "yasha"- to deliver and "na"- I pray or now.
- Jesus' entry is in triumph, but less than a week later He would hang on a cross seemingly defeated because death (not Rome) needed to be defeated and our greatest enemy is our own unwillingness and resistance to the love of God (sin).
- We are made for more, but we are very often willing to settle for less.
- What looked like utter defeat for Jesus was actually an ultimate declaration of God's willingness to love us.
- Jesus didn't come and do what He did for things to remain the same- in our world, culture, government, or our lives.
- The brokenness and tragedy we experience because we are worse than we can imagine can be conquered by Jesus and we can have a triumphant new life in Him.
- The triumphant procession of Jesus will be completed when he comes back to claim His bride and takes her (us) to be with Him forever!
- Jesus leads us in triumphal procession into culture. He has saved us, but will we let His saving reality overtake us?



Scripture: John 11:55-57, 12:1-3, 19:11, Zechariah 9:9, Revelation 7:9-10, 2 Corinthians 2:14

Personal Application

1. Think about your experience of tragedy vs. your sense of triumph. Are there areas in your life not fully surrendered to Christ? What step(s) could you take this week to allow Jesus' triumphant reality to more fully overtake you.
2. Who might you pray for and invite to be a part of the triumphal procession of Christ?
3. Memorize 2 Corinthians 2:14 this week. Print it, post it in a prominent place and review it daily...

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."

Discussion Questions: (conversations)

1. Are there, or have there been, times of tragedy that have caused you to question what God is doing? How have you responded?
2. When are you most in step with the triumphal procession of Christ? What steps might you take to be more consistently a part of it?
3. Are there areas/times of life that you could slow down and allow the reality of Jesus' love or sacrifice to more fully overtake you?
4. What are some of your most triumphant (thankful) experiences in Christ? To what do you attribute them?

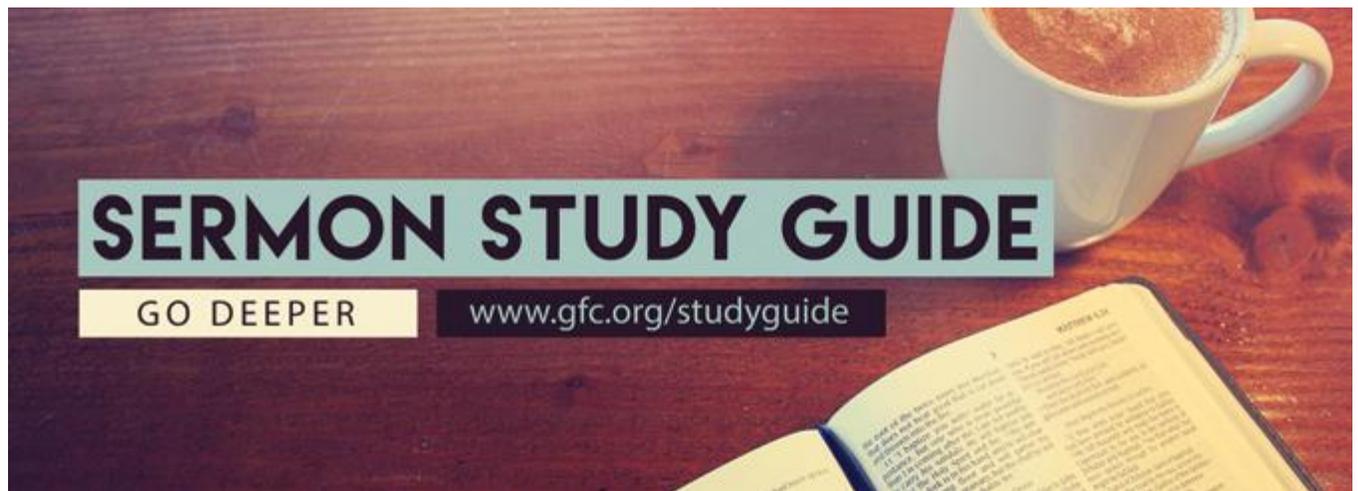
Life Groups

Use the discussion questions above (and others as you are led) as you study the area of triumph and tragedy. Is there a way in which your group could celebrate Jesus' triumph or draw others into it??

Children & Families

Have your own parade. Usher Jesus into your home and every room in it. Claim them as places for His triumph to be made real.

Other Resources



Living Free in Enemy Territory: Christ's Triumph Over Satan: by Greg Dutcher

Pastor and author Greg Dutcher turns the spotlight on Satan, the ultimate Enemy of all believers. In a practical and down-to-earth way, he exposes the truth and dispels the myths. You'll gain insights into Satan's tactics and goals on earth, Jesus' response to Satan, and the fullness of Jesus' victory over the Enemy. Perfect for individual or small group study. Includes questions for personal reflection, Scripture, and relevant quotes.

Be Transformed: Christ's Triumph Means Your Transformation: by Warren W. Wiersbe

How to pray, how to serve, how to overcome, how to love: Jesus taught the disciples these timeless lessons through hands-on experience and powerful parables that resonated in the hearts of multitudes. Most evident in John 13-21, however, is Christ's teaching on the transforming power of joy—how to have it, hold onto it, and never let it go.