

LIVE OAK CHURCH

Your Glorious & Amazing Future As A Believer

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Luke 16:19-31; 1 Corinthians 15:42-52; Revelation 20:6

Jesus Rode Into Jerusalem To Fulfill His Mission

I. The mission of Jesus

- A. Destroy the impact of sin
 - 1. Paying the price
 - 2. Taking on the judgement
- B. Conquer death
- C. Give eternal life
- D. To one day take back what was lost
- E. To restore what God desires
 - 1. A relationship
 - 2. A connection
 - 3. A family
 - a) Grace & truth
 - b) Life & light
 - c) Hope & love

II. Why this is important. Truths we need to know.

- A. There was a time when you were not. Never a time when you won't be somewhere.
- B. 3 issues we all ponder
 - 1. Life, death, eternity
- C. We need to know our eternal destiny
- D. Not prepared to live until we are prepared to die

III. Most of us agree life is a journey

- A. Several roads
- B. Several exits
- C. Detours
- D. Pitfalls

IV. The equalizing reality

- A. All life ends in death
- B. No matter status, success, failure, or beauty
- C. What does it profit a person to gain the world, and lose his soul?

V. Jesus "pulls back the curtain" giving a glimpse of life after death

- A. He tells the [true] story of "Lazarus & the rich man"
- B. A story of contrasts: life, death, & destiny
- C. The contrasts of life
 - 1. One rich, one poor
 - a) Had it all
 - b) Had nothing
 - 2. Point is: life is not fair
- D. The contrast in death
 - 1. Both died
 - 2. We all die
 - 3. Is is the great equalizer
 - 4. Princess Diana, Mother Teresa
- E. The contrast in eternity
 - 1. Both lived on
 - 2. Point... death is not extinction nor annihilation
 - 3. Your soul will be somewhere

VI. The specifics of Lazarus' destination (Eternal Life - Heaven)

- A. Defined as Abraham's bosom

1. A place of honor
2. A feast of celebration
3. Heaven is all that God could design for you

VII. The specifics of the “rich man”

- A. Hades is a foretaste of Hell
- B. Hell is real
 1. 162 texts in the Bible
 2. 70 of these are spoken by Jesus
- C. Jesus came so humanity could avoid it

VIII. The specifics of Hell

- A. Physical suffering
- B. Emotional suffering
 1. You will remember
- C. It's forever
- D. It's spiritual misery
 1. Separation from God
 2. You will want to warn loved ones
- E. It takes ignoring, trampling, & scoffing to get there
 1. Ignore your own conscience
 2. Ignore the Spirit's conviction
 3. Ignore God's Word
 4. Harden your heart
 5. Trample on the cross
 6. Trample on God's grace
 7. Trample on prayers of loved ones for you
 8. Trample on sermons, songs
 9. Trample on holidays, traditions
 10. Trample on the love of God

IX. The rest of the (story) journey

- A. Believers escorted to Heaven at death
 1. A beauty beyond comprehension

2. Recognize loved ones
3. You will see the Savior
4. You will see “your place”

- B. Then a trumpet blast, a shout
 1. Your resurrection occurs just like Jesus
 2. Reunited with your soul
 3. Restored without blemish
- C. Two major events then occur
 1. Evaluation of works & rewards given
 2. Marriage celebration of the Lamb

X. The return of Jesus

- A. Set up His Kingdom
- B. He rules from Jerusalem
- C. His people reign with Him

Revelation 20:6
- D. After a thousand years a new Heaven & new Earth restored
- E. God dwells with His people forever

**That's Why Jesus Rode Into Jerusalem
He Is King Of Kings and Lord Of Lords**