

Message: Recognize and Respond

March 29, 2015

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Luke 19:32-44, Job 38-40

Recognize:

To worship is to recognize God.

Kingship

Savior

Compassion

Respond:

Respond in freedom (unrestrained).

Respond physically.

Respond in the right direction.

Respond honestly.

## Preparing For Easter

### Lenten Readings:

#### Holy Week (March 29-April 5)

##### **Palm Sunday, March 29 - Luke 19:28-48**

The people who were supposed to be leaders and closest to God actually didn't recognize Him. How do you keep religion from blinding you from seeing God at work?

##### **Monday, March 30 - Luke 20:1-21:4**

Being in a love relationship with God means recognizing that everything you possess including your very self belongs to him no matter your financial situation. Do you find it difficult to allow God to have control of your finances? What have you learned so far in the journey?

##### **Tuesday, March 31 - Luke 21:5-38**

God's plan for your life extends all the way through the end of the world as we experience it today. Spend some time today thanking God that he holds our future and asking him to show you a person today you can invite this Friday and Sunday as we reflect on the cost and celebrate the resurrection together!

Wednesday, April 1 - Luke 22:1-46

During the most serious and reflective time Jesus has before going to the cross, where he institutes the symbols of bread representing his body and the wine representing his blood, what are the disciples concerned about? What does Jesus' response reveal to us about greatness?

##### **Thursday, April 2 - Luke 22:45-23:25**

Consider the story of Peter here. Personal protection became more important to Peter than Faith and loyalty to Jesus. Has fear ever led you to deny knowing Jesus?

**Good Friday, April 3 - Luke 23:26-49**

Join us tonight at 7 pm where we'll be spending time reflecting on the sacrifice of Jesus and thanking him for the life we can have because of this amazing gift.

**Saturday, April 4 - Luke 23:50-56**

Jesus died bearing the weight of mankind's sin and was buried. Spend some time today thanking Jesus for this incredible sacrifice for us.

**Easter Sunday, April 5 - Luke 24**

Jesus is alive! We have nothing to fear because death has been conquered and we get to have life because of Jesus! Join us for our services today to celebrate together and the story doesn't end here. It continues through the story of the church in Luke's next book called "Acts"... You don't want our next devotional read-through of Acts beginning Pentecost Sunday!

**Best Year Ever Prayer**

Lord Jesus,

I pray that you would work in me that I might reflect you more.  
I pray that you work for me that I may be blessed by you.  
I pray that you work through me that I may be an instrument of your love and grace.

I give you permission to work in me, for me and through me according to your purpose

Amen