

# Palm Sunday 2024

March 24, 2024

## I. Introduction

- A. Last week John warned about false teachers
  - 1. He called them “antichrists” – I John 2:18
  - 2. Peter called them “false prophets” – II Peter 2:1-22
- B. False teachers corrupt the truth of God’s Word. They corrupt everything from Baptism to the second coming.

## II. Today on Palm Sunday, We Will Focus on the Major Lie of False Teachers: the Person and Work of Jesus Christ

- A. His Person
  - 1. If Jesus is not God incarnate (Deity in human flesh) then what He did is of no eternal value
  - 2. He was called.
    - a. Demon possessed.
    - b. Mentally impaired
    - c. The carpenter’s son
    - d. A great prophet
  - 3. Peter properly called Him the Christ
    - a. Matthew 16:13-16
    - b. Acts 3:13-15; 2:22-24
    - c. Christ is either a liar, lunatic or LORD
- B. His work: His substitutionary death
  - 1. His death – I Peter 3:18
    - a. “Christ also died for sins”: His death was atoning
    - b. “once for all”: It was efficacious<sup>1</sup>
    - c. “the just for the unjust”: It was vicarious<sup>2</sup>
    - d. “so that He might bring us to God”: It was reconciling
    - e. “having been put to death in the flesh”: It was violent
    - f. “but made alive in the Spirit”: It was victorious
  - 2. His death – Hebrews 9 and I John 2: 1, 2
    - a. Redemption requires a triune God! A payer and a payee

- b. Jesus is the payer, the Father the payee – II Corinthians 5:21
- c. See Hebrews 9
- d. A works-based redemption of any proportion requires a level of righteousness the Bible nowhere attributes to mankind
  - i. Isaiah 64:67; Romans 3 and 5; Philippians 3:1-9
- e. Any “work” performed is the result of redemption, not for redemption. It is simply and properly our “thank you” to our Savior and God.
  - i. Colossians 2:6, 7
- 3. His resurrection
  - a. It proves His power over death and validates His claim – Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:18, 19
  - b. It proves the Father’s acceptance of Christ’s sacrifice – Romans 4:25

<sup>1</sup>Efficacious: Successful in producing a desired or intended result.

<sup>2</sup>Vicarious: The Latin word for “vicarious” means to speak and act in place of another, on that other’s behalf. That is precisely what Christ has done for us through his life, death, resurrection, and ascension.