

God is in the Details

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Sunday AM

Scripture: Matthew 25:46, Matthew 10:28, 2 Thessalonians 1:9, Revelation 21:8, 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Introduction

- Last week we asked the question Do You Have the Bravery of an Atheist?
- Atheists risk everything by living this life not believing in God.
- They risk eternal punishment and are willing to give up eternal rewards.
- What if they are wrong? That's where the question comes in, Do You Have the Bravery of an Atheist?
- This morning we are going to talk about "**God is in the Details**".
- Most people know the phrase The Devil is in the Details, however this came from God is in the Details.
- The phrase is used to communicate that whatever a person does, should be done thoroughly.
- We are going to use it this morning to see how in face, God **IS** in the Details.

Luke 19:28-44

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." ⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

- Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Passion Week, the week Jesus was crucified.
- **Luke 19:28-44** records Jesus' "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem on Sunday.
- Before Jesus enters Jerusalem, we see in v. 30 that He instructs two of His disciples to go into a village and get a colt that is tied up there.
- This colt belonged to someone else, but Jesus instructed them to tell the man "The Lord needs it."
- When they were asked in v. 33 they responded just as Jesus said, and the man allowed them to take the colt.
- V. 35 tells us that they brought the colt back to Jesus, threw they cloaks on it, and put Jesus on it.
- V.36-38 – As He rode the colt, people began to spread their cloaks on the road in front of Him and they began to sing and praise Him.
- The other gospel accounts also record the people laid palm branches down and also waved them as they sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Hosanna in the highest!" **Matthew 21:9**
- V. 39 – "Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"
- **Why did they say this to Jesus?** God is in the Details.
- V.40 - We see that Jesus responded to them that the stones would cry out if the people didn't.
- Vv. 41-44 – Jesus wept as He approached Jerusalem because He knew what would take place this week and also what would take place in A.D. 70 when Jerusalem was attacked by Emperor Titus.

- **Why did Jesus say that this would happen to Jerusalem?**
- Because they did not recognize the time of God's coming to them.
- It is true in this passage of Scripture and in many others that, God is in the Details.
- Everything that Jesus did on Palm Sunday was to shout loud and clear that He is the Messiah.
- **Zechariah 9:9** prophesied that the King would ride in on a colt and that is what He did.
- People all along the route to the city and in the city itself were proclaiming Jesus to be King, but not the religious leaders.
- They had missed all of the details that were right in front of their faces that this man was the King they had been waiting for so long.
- It is often quipped that one can "miss the forest for looking at the trees."
- I would submit that if you do not understand that what you are looking at is trees, you cannot know that they make up a forest.
- Our God is vastly detailed and complex, yet His people seem to enjoy generalities and simplicity.
- The Pharisee and other religious leaders during Jesus' time on earth missed the fact that He was the Messiah, because they did not pay attention to the details.
- They were looking only for the generalities that their Messiah would be a conquering king of military might.
- They were looking solely to be released from their political bondage, and they forgot that they were in spiritual bondage and needed saving.
- When you begin to study and meditate on the details, you will see that God has made things quite clear to us.
- The Bible is made up of 66 books that are filled with depth and details that allow us to know God.
- **Are you missing God because you are overlooking the details?**
- **Is there anything within the Bible where the details do not matter?**
- Surely God would not have went to such lengths to give us the complete Bible, if He only wanted us to have a shallow and general understanding of our faith and of Him in particular.
- **Can you really know something or someone, without knowing the details?**
- Take for instance a person, can you really know a person without knowing some details about them?
- The same is true for God, you cannot know Him, without spending time on the details.
- You ask, "Where do we find the details?" You find them in the Bible.
- If you aren't spending time reading and meditating on God's Word, you are missing out on so many very important details.
- Who is Jesus? Why did He have to die in the way He died? Why did He do it? What would it mean for us if He hadn't died? What is the significance of His resurrection? When will He be returning? What will things look like before He returns? What will things look like after He returns? What has to happen for us to escape Hell? What will Heaven be like, if we make it there?
- **God is in the Details, Satan wants you to stay in the generalities.**

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Heaven

Section 7: Ruling on the New Earth

What Does God's Eternal Kingdom Involve?

Will We Actually Rule with Christ?

How Will We Rule God's Kingdom?