

I. Review

If you have your Bibles this morning, hold them up. We have a Bible, and we are going to get into some Bible today. We have been looking at the crucifixion of Christ. We came across Psalms chapter 22, coming through the book of Psalms. I told you that we had entered into a place now that we just need to stop and really look at and understand the day. What was the greatest day for you and for me, yet the most tragic day for God's Son in the history of the world. The day God's Son paid my sin debt and reconciled me to God. I have been taking the time to show you seven places in the Old Testament that really give you the thoughts of Christ on the cross.

➤ Isaiah 53 How God Looked at His Son's Death

Last week we looked at Isaiah chapter 53, and I showed you how that in that chapter, it shows us how God looked at His Son's death, what He thought about it, how He thought about His death in relationship to you and me. He started out by saying it was God's report to us. I showed you how His coming forth in that passage out of the dry, barren land of Israel as a tender plant. The Bible talks about in Isaiah 53 how He was wounded for our transgressions, how God made His soul an offering for my sin. Then we talked about how it pleased God to bruise Him, and through His death on the cross, God was satisfied. This is one of the most incredible concepts that most of God's people will never grasp. It talked about His generation being cut off, but then also said that His seed will carry on His work. I showed you last week that that is you and me. That was talking about future generations in the church age, and it said, "but a seed." The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 1:23 that when we got born again, we were born again, not by corruptible seed, but by incorruptible, by the Word of God. So it is a reference to and a prophecy that you and I would carry on that work and would carry on the future generations that were cut off when He died for you and for me.

➤ The Depth of Christ's Suffering on the Cross

I told you that we built this so far around Psalms 22, and Isaiah 50:8-9, where you see in the spirit world while He is on the cross, the devil actually comes to Him. I laid that all out; this is unknown to most people. Most people just think that He died on the cross, He died and went to Abraham's bosom for three days. Oh no, no, no. We talked about this last week. The battle that was going on with our souls hanging in the balance was the devil coming after Him. The Bible says in 1 Peter 5:8 that the devil is your adversary, and he "goeth about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." **Two key words** you find in Isaiah chapter 50:8-9 connected with Christ and the devil and their confrontation. The first word was adversary, where he said, "*Who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.*" Then the second one talks about the words of his roaring. I told you that those two words really show you the depth of the suffering and what was really taking place on Calvary's cross. Isaiah 53 was just another illumination of that. In the Old Testament, you actually see the adversary coming to Him. You see where they face off on the

cross. You see Christ's thoughts, the devil's thoughts, and I laid this out last week. Then you find in Psalms 22:1 the words of His roaring and how and why God refused to help Him. I told you that in the Old Testament there are seven key passages, and we are going to look at them every week as we move through. I told you that in the New Testament books, which are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, you simply get the order of events. You get to see Him crucified, and it talks about Him on the cross, but you do not get any real depth to it. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John record the events that take place.

II. Looking at Christ's Thoughts in the Old Testament Together with the New Testament Events

Today, what I want to do for you, because this is vitally important, most of you are in a spiritual growth process. You are on different levels, but you are all growing to get to a goal, and that is where you become everything that God wants you to be. I do not want to do anything halfway. I always want to lay everything out, give you all the pieces that you can in time, if you did not get it all now, in time that you will. **Today, what I want to do is I want to put both the Old Testament thoughts together with the New Testament events.** At some time in your life, you have to understand the two together. They are separate in your Bible, but they most certainly go together. In the New Testament, you are going to find four accounts that the Gospel will give you of the crucifixion of Christ, the events. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all four of them will carry a rendition of the crucifixion. They are very important, but it is the surface. **What you have to learn to do in time is be able to take the events in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and then line them up to those seven passages in the Old Testament.** Now, I am going to begin to show you today, how you do that.

Most of you have a desire to learn the Bible. Most of you have a very good relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Today, you are going to learn some things about your Bible, four or five things that are going to make it deeper for you. I am not saying you are going to get it all. I will tell you what I told the Boston people when I went up there and I talked for three and a half hours or whatever I did on the history of the church and the Bible. I told them to forget trying to take notes. There is no way you are going to keep up with me. I said, what you are going to do is the way you always learn to study. I said, tonight, just sit back and enjoy what I have to say. Listen to it, enjoy it where you can focus on it. Then you are going to have to go back and get the material on tape and go through it several times to get it into your notebook, into your Bible, whatever you want to do. I would advise you to do that this morning. I am going to move fast here, and I have a lot of things that I am going to give you. I would much rather you just sit back and enjoy it and go, "Wow, I never saw that before," than try to keep up with me and miss something that I say. The price of learning is repetition. You are going to have to go over this material several times. You are going to have to get this down. I know some of you will just blow it off, and that is okay too. But I am telling you, you have got to come to the place where you can get both places together so you can better understand it. If there is anything, anything at all, in all of the Christian life, in all of the Bible, in all the history that God has done and what He is doing,

if there is one most important aspect that every child of God should have, it should be understanding this day on Calvary's cross, both the events and also the thoughts that He had.

III. The Gospel of Mark Lays Out the Complete Order of Events

All four Gospels have an account. But in the New Testament, the Gospel of Mark is the only one of the four that lays out the complete order of events. The other books are spotty, but they do not give you a complete layout. Years ago when I saw this, I saw the value of this. Mark will completely lay out the order of events which start with Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This is Palm Sunday. We celebrate Palm Sunday a week before Easter, and that week in between is commonly called Passion Week. Then He is crucified at the end of that week. We all celebrate and talk about Palm Sunday. Mark starts his commentary when Christ goes into Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday. The reason why they call it Palm Sunday is because as He rode into Jerusalem, they laid palm branches down for Him to walk on and to ride the ass's colt as He comes into Jerusalem. That is very important.

As we go through here, I am going to throw a little side thing in to you. This is why you do not want to try to get it down now, but you are going to have to go back and get it.

Side Study: Why Palm Leaves?

Because Christ's coming to Israel and Him going into Jerusalem, if they would have accepted Him, would have signified the beginning of the Millennium. In your Bible, palm leaves, palm trees will always represent the millennial reign of Christ. So they are laying down the palm leaves as He goes into Jerusalem.

Also, in Mark, every one of the Gospels, Christ is portrayed in a different way. In Matthew, He is the King of the Jews. In Luke, you see Him come through and in John, He comes as the Son of God. But in Mark, He is portrayed as a servant. That is why the whole picture of everything that He is doing in Mark as a servant, the Son of Man, is chosen to lay out the whole thing of the Son of Man dying on the cross for you and for me. Every child of God should know of the events.

In the world we live in today, the Catholic Church teaches Good Friday. They teach that Christ was crucified on Friday. Therefore, they call it Good Friday. The reason why they make it on Friday is because they have no understanding of the Bible. They certainly do not see the events in Mark. The events in Mark, as we come through, will clearly show you day by day, every event of that Passion Week, and you will find out that it is not Friday, but it is "Bad Wednesday" when He is crucified. It is important that you understand these things because you are in a world that is all turned upside down when it comes to the Bible and a lot of bad things floating around out there. But each child of God should know this. You need to have this down.

➤ The Jewish Day Starts at 6 o'clock in the Evening

The first thing that you want to realize, and this will mess people up because we do not think of it this way. The Jewish day back then and even today starts at 6 o'clock in the evening. You need to understand that. So the Bible operates from 6 o'clock in the evening to 6 o'clock the next evening as one day. We do not look at it that way. We go from midnight to midnight, but that is not how the Jews were told. Way back in Genesis, God gave you the key to that, which is a great key, when He talked about that God's day begins at night when He laid out the seven days of creation. He said, "the evening and the morning, the evening and the morning, the evening and the morning." God's day begins at night. Now that was a prelude to what Israel was going to do, but it also is a great spiritual application

Side Study: God's day for us is when we go to bed

Another side study that for you and me as a Christian, God's day for your next day begins at night when you go to bed. I do not have time to get into the whole thing that Job talks about of God taking the structure of the day the next day, but you have got to remember that when we are dealing with Israel, their day starts at 6 o'clock in the evening, will be Monday, and 6 o'clock the next night will start Tuesday, just like that. So you have got to get it. You have got to get both in your Bible to build Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John around the thoughts that He has on the cross. So we are going to start in Mark chapter 11.

➤ My Job as Your Pastor is to make the Bible as Easy for you to Understand, the way God Intended it to be

Now, turn over to Mark 11. This is where we are going to start. My job as pastor is to teach you the Bible, but my job also demands on how I teach you the Bible. The Bible, by most pastors' standards, will be presented to you as a very complicated book. They will try to get you to understand that the Bible is a book that is so complicated that you have got to either know the Greek or the Hebrew, or you have got to have some kind of college degree, and all of that is not true. The job of a pastor should be to show you how easy the Bible is put together. **The Bible is not a complicated book.** The very idea that God is going to judge you at the judgment seat of Christ with the Word of God but then give you a Book that nobody can understand when you are going to face that judgment, is ludicrous. That is the shallowness of the minds of preachers today when it comes to their people. My whole life and my ministry has been one thing: that is to make the Bible as easy for you to understand the way God intended it to be so easy to understand. I am not a very intelligent person. I have a hard time with normal things in life. When it came to the Bible, when I saw that Book, I realized that for me to get it, I had to break it down in the simplest form that any idiot, me, could understand. That is what I did. The value of that is now you say, "Well, you should not call yourself an idiot." No, wait. I am going to call you an idiot in a minute. The value of that is I can break it down for you idiots. You guys. I can show you how the Bible is the simplest book on the planet, but you have got to do it God's way. You cannot do it with higher education. You cannot do it with Greek. You cannot do it with Hebrew. You have got to do it with the Book that God gave you in fourth-grade English and the key words that are found in it.

IV. Twenty-one Simple Concepts of the Passion Week

I have broken this Passion Week down into 21 simple concepts. I am going to lay it out for you that way. My advice to you, and this is why I tell you not to try to do it today. My advice for you is to listen to this and then go back, and I am going to break it down in 21 sections. My suggestion, if you have not got one already, go over to the bookstore and get you one of those red China markers. After every section that I break out, just draw a line under it. Then you write on that line what this is: the day that it is, the events that it is, and then we will move on to the next one. You draw a line under that. This will be Tuesday. This will be Wednesday. The events in Tuesday. The events in Wednesday. We are going to break it down in the most simple passage so that you can look at it and automatically it comes alive. It is no longer just a jumble of verses and words and trying to put it together. Now you are going to look at this from chapter 11 to chapter 15. You are going to see everything about that week completely broken down into 21 sections. You get it into your Bible. You will never have a problem understanding the events again. Then let Mark be your definitive part, and then you are going to build Matthew, Luke, and John around that and then add the Old Testament seven passages to that which I will show you how they match up as we move on through this.

1.) Mark 11:1-11 Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Sunday)

This will record His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This will be Sunday, the first day of the week, which is called Palm Sunday. It starts right here. All of this is a main study with many, many, side studies into it. I am not going to get into them all, but I want to throw out some things just to show you how the book works. I have already told you about the palm leaves put on the road as He goes into Jerusalem.

When you get into the other places, you will find that when Jesus is determining to go to Jerusalem, He comes and He finds an ass and then He finds the ass's colt. He chooses to ride the ass's colt into Jerusalem. Many, many people do not know even why He did that. I have heard preachers give all kinds of explanations. Most of them are ridiculously stupid.

Side Study: Why did Jesus ride the ass's colt into Jerusalem?

The reason why, and here is your side study, the reason why He rides the ass's colt instead of the ass itself, that ass is a picture of the nation of Israel. Right now, the nation of Israel has rejected Him, and the nation of Israel is unrideable. He chooses the ass's colt, which is the prophetic picture of the church that is going to be coming, the church age. The ass's colt came from the ass. You and I as the church came from the nation of Israel. Salvation is of the Jew. So that is just one of those little side things that you put in there and you see, and you understand. The Bible is filled with them.

2.) Mark 11:12-19 The Barren Fig Tree and Temple Cleansing (Monday)

Now what you should do is under verse 11 draw a line across out to your wide margin and then write in the triumphal entry, ride the ass, first day of the week, Sunday and put this as the start. Now when you get to Mark chapter 11:12-19, we have moved into the next day. **This will be Monday.** The events of this day will be where He comes out and sees the barren fig tree. He curses the fig tree.

Side Study: Fig Tree picture of nation of Israel

That fig tree is a picture of the nation of Israel. Israel is barren right now. He comes out and sees it barren. Israel as a fig tree was to bear fruit and has not borne fruit. He curses the fig tree, which is a prophecy that Israel is going to experience the curse of God down through the church age and also in the tribulation period.

The second thing that takes place on this Monday. He goes into the temple. When He goes into the temple, He sees that the money changers are selling all kinds of stuff in there. Just like it is a bazaar in there. He gets angered, and this is where He throws them out of the temple. Now most people do not see this. He throws them out of the temple two times in His earthly ministry. This is at the end of His ministry after a three-and-a-half-year ministry. The first time He threw them out was at the first part of His ministry. Here is the key.. ..

Side study: Two Times Jesus throws them out of the temple

The first time He throws them out, He says, “Ye have made **my Father's house** a den of thieves.” Okay. Second time He throws them out three years later. Now He says, “Ye have made **my house** a den of thieves.” See the difference? He is coming to claim the house of God, the Millennium, Jerusalem. He has come as Israel's Messiah. When He started, it was His Father's house. Not anymore. It is His house. These are the things you watch for. I told you last week that every Christian that is a good Bible student needs to be a good detective. You need to look at all the evidence, look at everything that is there and to be able to put it together.

3.) Mark 11:20 – Chapter 14:17 (Tuesday)

Then we move to the third section. This will be, again, you want to draw your line. This will be Mark 11:20. Here is the key to this. I need to let you know this. Mark 11:20 brings us into **Tuesday, the second day** of the Passion Week. This day will go from Mark chapter 11 verse 20 all the way to chapter 14, verse 17. You need to see that. This is the longest duration of a day that runs all of these chapters from chapter 11 to chapter 14, and now we are on Tuesday. Then all of these chapters from 11 to 14:17 will deal with what takes place on Tuesday.

- Chapter 11, verse 27 or around there someplace, you will find His confrontation with the scribes and the Pharisees over by what authority do you do these things.
- Chapter 12, you will find the great parable on the vineyard.
- Then toward the end of that, He talks about the cornerstone which Israel has rejected.
- Chapter 13, He talks about the prophecy of the destruction of the temple at the second coming of Christ.

4.) Mark 14:18-25 Last Supper (Tuesday Night)

Then **Tuesday night, this will be chapter 14 verses 18 through 25.** This is where we have the Last Supper, and it comes up to 6 o'clock p.m. Now remember what I said, after 6 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, it starts Wednesday.

5.) Mark 14:26-31 (Wednesday)

Now I have brought you through 1, 2, 3, 4 and now we have looked at the fifth section, draw your lines underneath and **this will be the start of Wednesday which takes place at 6 p.m. on the start of Wednesday.** Now this is where He will go to the Mount of Olives. We talked about this Thursday night on the question out of Matthew 24 and that the Mount of Olives always represents the second coming of Christ which is what we are facing here.

6.) Mark 14:32-42 Agony in the garden (Wednesday)

The **sixth section which will take place also on Wednesday.** This is where He goes through the agony in the garden. The agony in the garden is one of the great studies in the Bible. I told you last week that it shows you the conflict between the Son of Man and the Son of God. Here as the Son of Man, and He is human now, remember. I mean He was tempted on all points like we are yet without sin, but He experienced everything that we experience. He hungered, He got tired, He wept, He felt all the emotions that you and I feel as the Son of Man. But the overriding factor of His human side as the Son of Man was the deity side that it was the Son of God. So, in the agony of the garden where the Bible says, "His sweat was like great drops of blood." It was a terrible agonizing time for Him because as a human man He knew what was coming. He knew what He had to face on the cross. He felt the fear; He felt the anxiety of God turning His back. He knew the price that had to be paid as a human Son of Man. So, He is asking God if there is any other way, "if this cup could pass from me, let it pass." He struggles with going to the cross because He is a human man.

Most pastors again, most commentators, when He says that this cup passed from me, they try to make it the cup of physical death that He was afraid of dying. Of course that is stupid. If you go back to the book of Revelation, you will find that the cup that He is worried about is not the cup of physical death but the cup of God's wrath that is going to be poured out on Him on the cross as God makes His soul a ransom for our sins. The human man was overridden by the godly man.

Side Study: Like Christ we too will face going through our own agony in the garden

That is a great study. That is a great side element. It is a great picture for you and for me because you are here this morning and you are saved. You have two natures. You have a physical nature, and you have a godly nature. You are just like Christ. You are the Son of Man in a physical sense. There are going to be times in your life where you have to fear things and face things that are going to make you afraid. You, on whatever level you struggle with, you are going to go through your own agony in the garden. You too are going to ask God to let this pass from me. You too are going to ask God why do I have to do it this way? That is a natural thing. Some people think because they fear those things that there is something wrong with them. No, we are all human.

We are all the Son of Man. The Son of Man struggled with the same things that you and I struggled with. But what is the difference? Just like with Him, with you and me. You have that old nature, Son of Man, but you have the new nature. You are in Christ Jesus and He is in you. In your hour of agony in the garden, what should happen in our lives is what happened in His life. Yes, the Son of Man was afraid, but the Son of God overcame the Son of Man. **You and I have to let the principles and the relationship we have with the Lord Jesus Christ override the fears of this life.** There are so many side things here. I struggled this morning and this week of what to give you, what not to give you. Now I am in a mess because I am going to give them all to you.

7.) Mark 14:43-49 Betrayal by Judas

The seventh section will be chapter 14, verses 43 through 49. You want to draw a red line. This is where He is betrayed by Judas.

8.) Mark 14:50-53 The Apostles Flee.

The eighth section will be chapter 14, verse 50. We talked about this the other night when the question about James came up. This is where all the apostles flee. **We are still on Wednesday.**

9.) Mark 14:53-66 Jesus Before the High Priest

The ninth section will be chapter 14, verses 53 through 66. **This will be Wednesday** when He is taken before the high priest. This is where He is beaten. This is where He is questioned. This is where Peter, who is in the next section, is going to deny Him. This is where He is around the fire hearing everything that is going on.

10.) Mark 14:66-72 Peter Denies the Lord

Section 10, chapter 14, verses 66 through 72, will be where Peter denies Him based on what has taken place. You see how this begins to build its way all the way through? Every event, everything you want to know is laid out systematically so you can see those days.

11.) Mark 15:1 Before Pilate (Wednesday Morning)

Now the eleventh section, **this will be 6 a.m. on Wednesday morning**. This will begin the day of days, His crucifixion, and this is now around 6 a.m. in the morning He is taken before Pilate.

12.) Mark 15:15 Pilate – I find no fault in Him

The twelfth section will be found in chapter 15:15 where Pilate examines Him and he says, “*I find no fault in him.*” Pilate wants to negotiate with the people because they are in an uproar. So, he wants to gain some ground with them, and this is where he releases Barabbas. He tried to release Christ, and he said, “*Shall I crucify your King?*” Here is where in your Bible **the nation of Israel made the two worst statements that any nation could make** that they paid a price in

millions of a bloodbath for the next 2,000 years. When Rome stands up there and says, “Shall I crucify your King?” Their response is, “We have no king but Caesar.” The next statement they make is, “His blood be upon us and on our people.”

Side study: We need to be careful what we say before God.

We need to be careful what we say before God. If that teaches me anything, (I am going to make this up a bit). It teaches me that there are times that God stands up there and looks down through here and somebody says something like, “We have no king but Caesar,” and God says to whoever is standing there with the clipboard, “Write that down.” A few minutes later they say, “His blood be upon us and our people.” God looked at the man with the clipboard, “Write that down.” For the next 2,000 years, God held them accountable for those two statements.

Maybe, just maybe. The reason why you cannot get the victory, the reason why you struggle time and time again and why you just cannot get past square one is because at some point in your life you said something before God, about God, to God and God said, “Write it down.” Now Israel is going to get out from under their two statements in the Tribulation. God's people can get out from under their stupid statements by going through their own tribulation and getting right with the Lord. But sometimes we take the relationship with God so flippantly. We have no problem asking God to damn something. But in time at the Great White Throne, He will damn something, every unsaved person on the planet. But even God's people like to ask God to damn everything that they do not like.

My friend Jim Lake, back in the day he worked at a hospital. He was a medical intern, and he worked in surgery with the doctors. He told me this story. He was a great witness. He told me this story that they were in surgery and this doctor who was unsaved was in the middle of surgery and the surgery was not going well. The surgeon was using God's name in vain all through the thing. “God damn it, God this, and that.” Then the guy looks up at Jim knowing that Jim is a Christian and he says, “Why don’t you pray?” You know what Jim said? He said, “I have been praying. But he said, the problem is I keep asking God to bless it. You keep asking God to damn it.” Right in the middle of surgery. Now that guy probably died on the table. I mean the doctor probably got so befuddled he cut an artery, and he bled to death. I don’t know. But I am saying we take so frivolously the things that we say to each other that are hurtful. Now many of you are parents. I know you try to raise your kids the best you can. But even in that, sometimes kids get sideways and things and they say some very hurtful things that hurt parents. Well, how do you think God feels when His own children say some of the things that they say? I am telling you, here is a great example. Because for the next two thousand years brother, they had no king but Caesar. Their blood was upon them and their people for the next two thousand years. I do not know about the guy with the clipboard, but God said, “Write it down. Write it down.”

➤ God has a book for our thoughts, a bag for our works and a bottle for our tears

You know, in Malachi 3, the Bible says that God has got a book for your thoughts. The things that you think. I am going to put together a message on the three things that God's people do not think about. God has a bag for your works. He has a book for your thoughts. And He has a bottle

for your tears. Now with that statement, I just changed the whole dynamics of God in your life. It is all about God and you. So this is the release of Barabbas number 12, so draw your line.

13.) Mark 15:17-18 Jesus Mocked and Scourged

The 13th section will be chapter 15, verses 17 and 18. This is where they put a robe on Him, put a crown of thorns on Him, gave Him a reed for a scepter and then beat Him on the head, driving those thorns into His head. Blood running down His forehead, those thorns are two or three inches long, tearing into His head.

Side Study: Crown of thorns before a crown of gold.

Every one of us in this life is going to have to wear our crown of thorns. But in the other life, in the Judgment Seat, we get the crown of gold. Incredible studies!

14.) Mark 15:20-22 Jesus Led Away to be Crucified

Then the 14th section, chapter 15, verses 20 through 22, this is where He is led away to be crucified and Simon a Cyrenian helps Him carry the cross.

Side Study: A black man helped carry the cross

The world, the world gets the biblical idea and concept, but they do not know what to do with it because they have no discernment. They will get a true Bible truth but then get it all messed up and everything. In this country, the big issue that is purported all the time is the issue on race. Blacks against whites. Blacks against Latinos. All down through the history of America, it has been whites against somebody. Back in the 1800's, it was against the Chinese. I mean, it has always been that way. But now, the race card is always played. I remember when you had all these problems with police brutality and black guys being shot and murdered and everybody upset about it, they come up with a slogan. In fact, they painted it down on Kansas City that said, "Black Lives Matter." When they did that, I never said anything. I am not the kind of guy to get into those things. But that is so true. They just did not get it right. When Christ is going to the cross, Simon from Cyrene, is from Africa, he is a black man. A black man helped carry the cross.

➤ The New Testament is Built Around Four Black Men

Your New Testament is built around four black men, not white guys. The greatest picture of you and me getting saved where the TV camera goes down inside and shows you what is really going on is a black man, an Ethiopian eunuch in Acts chapter 8. You will find your whole New Testament is built around four black men. Now, why is that? Because during that time, black men were slaves. That Ethiopian eunuch was a slave. He might have been in Candace's court, but he was a slave. He is a servant of servants. **You know why the New Testament is built around four black men? Because when you get saved, we need to be a servant of servants.** Black lives do matter, not in the way that the world presents it, but in the way that God presents it. Those four black men show you that as a New Testament Christian, we are a bondsman. You do not have any rights. I know that the Laodicean church means "rights of the people." I get that. That is the world we live in today. But as God's people, we do not have any rights other than to

die and go to hell. When you got saved, you were a bondsman knocked down on the block, bought and paid for. You do not have a choice anymore.

We talked about how the Moravian missionaries got a one-way ticket to wherever they want to go. It is just why some of the Moravian missionaries sold themselves into slavery to be a witness to the black African. They understood that concept.

Today, the world certainly does not understand it. God's people do not get it either. We live our lives as God's people. We want our rights as God's people. You do not have any rights. Your rights were paid for and bought with a price on Calvary's Cross. I do not have a choice on what I do. God tells me what I do. I am His slave. I do it.

That is why in the book of Philemon, when a slave ran away and got put in the jail with Paul, he won him to Christ. What did Paul say? Call the NAACP, Black Lives Matter. No. He says, "You go back to your master and be the best servant you can be because freedom is not about whether you are a slave or not. Freedom is about you are in Christ Jesus now, and you are free from everything to be whatever God wants you to be." How foreign that is today.

15.) Mark 15:23-26 They offer Jesus wine mingled with myrrh, and they part His garments.

Now we come to Golgotha's Hill. It is called Gordon's Calvary today, and I have told you the reason for that. It is here that they offer Him wine mingled with myrrh, and they part His garments, and the Roman soldiers are casting lots for them.

16.) Mark 15:25 Jesus is Crucified

Verse 23 through 26 goes in connection with the 16th one, which in verse 25, this is where they crucify Him. Verse 25 says He is crucified the third hour. That is nine o'clock in the morning for us. This is where they put the nails in His hands and His feet. This is where they lay the cross on the ground. They lay Him on the cross, and then they put the nails in His feet, and then they lift Him up and drop that cross into a four- or five-foot hole. I will show you maybe next week or the week after exactly how they did that.

17.) Mark 15:26-28 The Inscription Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews

The 17th is found in chapter 15:26-28. This is when He is on the cross, Pilate puts an inscription. I love this.

Side Study: Jews did like the inscription, Jesus King of the Jews

This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. That is what it said. The Jews did not like that. The Jews went to Pilate and said, "Do not say this is Jesus, King of the Jews. Put up there, He claimed that He was Jesus, the King of the Jews." You know what Pilate said? "What I have written, I have written." God, through the world, finalized that this was Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews, in spite of what Israel wanted. Somebody asked me when he put that

inscription up there, it must have been a big sign because he put it in Hebrew, he put it in Greek, and then he put it in Latin. Why?

Side study: Pilate put the inscription in Hebrew, Latin and Greek

Pilate put “This is Jesus, King of the Jews”. He put it in Hebrew for the nation of Israel. Put it in Latin for Ham. Put it in Greek for Japheth. All three of Noah's boys, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The King of the Jews was coming to save the world, which came out of Noah's boys, the black man, the yellow man, and the white man. So, it is in three languages that represent those three races, which come out of the Ark, back in Genesis.

18.) Mark 15:33-34 Sixth – Ninth Hour – God turns His back on His Son

This will be the infamous sixth and ninth hour. This is where God turns His back on Him. This is where He cries out, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” This is where they put the spear in His side. This is the darkest time in history when the sun refused to shine, the earthquaked, darkness over the earth, when God turned His back on the Son, and His soul made a ransom for you and for me.

19.) Mark 15:37 Christ's Death

This is where He gives up the ghost. He dies.

20.) Mark 15:38 The Veil Torn from Top to Bottom

This is where the veil is ripped from top to bottom.

21.) Mark 15:40-47 Burial (Wednesday night)

The last section, chapter 15, verses 40 through 47, **will bring us to 6 p.m. on Wednesday.** Jesus is dead. He is taken down from the cross. Joseph of Arimathea begs for His body, and Joseph puts Him in his own tomb. “Behold the man. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

When Christ is taken down off that cross, we are at Wednesday now at 6 p.m. He is in that tomb for three days and three nights. You know this from Matthew chapter 12:40, where it says,

40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Christ is taken down off the cross, Wednesday around 6 o'clock, and He lays in that tomb three days and three nights. Here it is. Those three days and three nights will be as follows:

6 p.m. Wednesday to 6 p.m. Thursday will be day one

6 p.m. Thursday to 6 p.m. Friday will be day two

6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday will be day three.

He comes out of the tomb Saturday at or around 6 p.m. He is out all night. This is most likely in Matthew chapter 27:52 and 53, where many of the saints arose and go down in Jerusalem. They give proof of the resurrection.

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

He appears early in the morning around 6 a.m. on the first day of the week (Sunday) to the women in chapter 16:1 through 2. (Mark 16:1-2)

1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the [mother] of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first [day] of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

Now that is the order. That is the order from Sunday, starting Palm Sunday, up to the resurrection. Those are the order of events laid out for you that is found in Mark's Gospel where it is not found in that contingency any other way. Christ is portrayed as the Son of Man, and you need to get that in your Bible, you need to be able to look at those chapters, have it divided out like I showed you, have the titles put in there so in a glance you can walk through those passages and see exactly what that week is all about. Then as we continue on in the next couple of weeks, we are going to add to the thoughts on the cross, the voice of His roaring. Now you need to have an understanding of both the timeline of events of the crucifixion and also the words of His roaring.

V. The Veil in Mark 15:37-39

Today, I want to talk about the veil for a few moments. The veil in Mark chapter 15, verses 37, 38, and 39. So look at that if you would for a moment. I think this is probably one of the key things that come out of this whole thing. Most people just read about the veil being ripped and do not ever think twice about it.

37. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. (He died)

38. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Now it is very important that you see and understand this aspect of the crucifixion because this is really the key. That veil is also called a curtain. I do not want to jump ahead of myself. But the veil is a key part of how it all goes together.

Now the veil will go back to the Old Testament tabernacle. That will be found if you want to study the tabernacle Exodus 25 to Exodus chapter 30. At some point in your life, you are going to have to do this so I suggest you get **Clarence Larkin's** book on **Dispensational Truth**. I do

not know of anybody who draws it out easier to understand to put in your Bible. In my Bible, if you look in Exodus chapter 25 through 30, I drew it out just like he put it in with all the parts in the right places. But the veil will be described in Exodus 26:31-37. It played a key role in Israel's history.

VI. The Tabernacle & its Structure was Key to Israel's Relationship with God

The tabernacle and its structure was everything that was key to Israel's relationship with God in the physical kingdom of heaven. It is a physical tabernacle. It is the one that they used before they got into Jerusalem. This one was a temporary one. It was built, and it is all described for you. **Arthur W. Pink** has got a great book on it, called “**Gleanings in Exodus**”. It was a complete tent structure that was torn down, carried, and put up every time they stopped and camped. But it was the central part of it. **There were three sections to it.**

First Section of the Tabernacle

There was the outer section, and in the outer section you had the brazen altar where the priest did the sacrifice. That will be in Exodus chapter 27. Right before you went into it, there was a laver of water. That will be Exodus 30:17-21. That is because there was no flooring in the tabernacle. It was dirt. That priest had to wash his feet from the dirt before he went in. We will get to that in a little bit.

Second Section of the Tabernacle

Then he moved into the second section. The second section has got a number of things in it. It has got the table of shewbread, which is found in Exodus 25:30. It has got the altar of incense, which is Exodus 30:1. It has got the golden censer that the priest carried and had burning incense in it, Leviticus 16:12. It had the golden candlestick that was on the opposite side of the shewbread. You will find that in Exodus chapter 25. That was in the second section.

Third Section – Holy of Holies

Then you had the veil, and the veil will be described in Exodus 26:31- 37. That separated the second section from the third section, which is called the Holy of Holies. In that third section was the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant was what they carried. It represents Christ. When they walked and went on their journeys, it had rings in it. They put wooden staves through it, and they carried it at the front of the column as they were going to the Promised Land. It is a picture of us following the Lord Jesus Christ in our pilgrim journey through the wilderness.

In the Old Testament, the Old Testament priest did the daily work. In the first section and in the second section. They brought the sacrifice, and they made the sacrifice. He washed his feet. He took it into the second section. This is where the priest did his daily work. But the Holy of Holies, no one could go in. No one was allowed to enter it, lest they would be killed.

But once a year, on what the Bible calls the **Day of Atonement**, the high priest on that day was able to go behind the veil and into the ark, and on the ark was the mercy seat. This is a picture of Christ's crucifixion that was going to come. They brought two goats. One of those goats was going to be a sacrifice. The other goat went free. The goat that they sacrificed is called the scapegoat. You all heard that phrase. "I am a scapegoat." In other words, I am going to pay the price and so and so is going to go free. There it is. The scapegoat was a picture of Christ who died on the cross. So you and I could go free. See how it works? How complicated is that? I have not even got into my Greek lexicon yet. How easy is that? It is easy because the Bible is easy. Do not let some over-educated idiot sell you out of your intelligence, of just common level mind of understanding it.

Without the tabernacle, there would be no nation of Israel. He goes into that, takes the blood of the scapegoat, and sprinkles that blood on the mercy seat. That is a picture of what Christ was going to do when He went up to heaven, those times when He said, "Do not touch me. I have not yet ascended to my Father," and He goes up there, and I do not know how He was up there, but he went up there and that is a picture of what took place here. Then what? An hour later, He is down and everybody is touching Him and hugging Him and holding on to Him. But He could not be defiled by a human man until He went up and put that blood on the mercy seat. It is all right there, kids. Not complicated.

➤ Eight Names for the Ark

Within the Holy of Holies, as I said, was the Ark of the Covenant. In your Bible, as you come through your Bible, you are going to find **eight names for the ark**, and you need to know them, and put them in there as this is the same ark.

- Exodus 25:22, it is called the Ark of the Testimony
- Numbers 10:33, it is called the Ark of the Covenant.
- Joshua 3:13, it is called the Ark of the LORD.
- 1 Samuel 5:2, it is called the Ark of God.
- 1 Kings 2:26, it is called the Ark of the Lord GOD.
- 2 Chronicles 35:3, it is called the Holy Ark.
- Psalms 132:8, it is called the Ark of thy Strength.
- Revelation 11:19 is the last time you see it, it is called the Ark of His Testament.

Now without saying, that ark has been the subject of discussion all down through the years. Every unsaved nation knew that the power that Israel had with God, which was great power, came from that ark. So all down through history, men have tried to find that ark. Hitler looked for it. Napoleon looked for it. Hitler spent millions and millions of dollars with expeditions going out to try to find the ark because he knew, being a good Roman Catholic, that if he had the ark, he could probably control the world. Back in the 80s, they made the first movie that was a series of movies with Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark. In that movie, you find where the Nazis were after the ark. Indiana Jones protected the ark. At the end of the movie, the ark wound up in a big warehouse in Washington, D.C.

➤ Where is the ark today?

Where the ark is at today has been one of the mysteries of life. Yet, it is unbelievable how simple it is to know where it is at. But when you do not believe the Bible, when all you care about is archaeology and dusty dead things that have been around for three, four thousand years, you miss it. That ark is a type of Jesus Christ. If you think for a moment, that ark being a type of Jesus Christ, God was going to leave it on earth when He took His Son to heaven. You are out of your mind. So, the last time you find the ark is in Revelation 11. Guess where it is at? Up in heaven. The Bible is not hard.

The veil separated the second section from the third section where it housed the ark. No man could go into that. That was a picture in the Old Testament of God's relationship with man. There was no reconciliation between God and man. God had separated Himself from man. There are no personal relationships. He comes down to leaders, Moses, Abraham, and He works through them, but the common ordinary Jew does not have anything like we have with the Lord. The veil separated man from God. The ark of God was prepared for that high priest to go in and put the blood on. It showed the inadequacy of the Old Testament law. This will be what you find in the book of Hebrews.

➤ The Tabernacle is a Picture of the Universe

The tabernacle will represent a couple of other things for us. The tabernacle, first of all, once you get past Israel's using it, is a picture of the universe, the three heavens. We studied this when we came through Psalm 19, the heavens declared the glory of God. I showed you there were three heavens, and I defined what heaven is, not what most people think.

Our atmosphere is the first heaven. So, you have in the tabernacle an outer court that represents that. The second heaven was represented by the second section, and then the veil separated the second from where God's throne is. Now, you can see this because the heavens declare the glory of God. We have up north what we call the northern lights, called the Aurora Borealis. It is always interesting, and sometimes you can see them down here, but up north they are incredible. But you know what they look like? You know what they are? It is a curtain. It is a big wavy curtain in the sky. That is a picture of that veil that separates the second heaven from where God's throne is right now. That is an incredible picture. So, you find that the tabernacle is a picture of the universe, as we know it, first heaven, second heaven, and third heaven.

➤ The Tabernacle Represents our Relationship with Christ in the Church Age.

But it also represents our relationship with Christ in the church age. It has three compartments. The first compartment is where the brazen altar was, and then the laver of water. That represents the day you and I got saved. After we got saved by Christ's death on that brazen altar, we have the ability to wash our feet daily in our walk with God to keep us clean. The second section represents the ministry that you and I will get into. In there you will find the shewbread, picture of the Word of God, candlesticks, picture of the Holy Spirit of God, the altar of incense that will represent prayer, and then the priest, as he walked us through there, carried the censer that had

the burning incense in it wherever he went. That is a picture of us praying without ceasing every day of our life.

The first section represents salvation. The second section represents the work of the ministry, and it is all a picture of your spiritual growth. But the next (third) section represents where most God's people never get. You see, that veil separated man from God in the Old Testament. But now today there is no veil. Where the Old Testament man could not have a relationship with God, now the Bible says that you and I can go before the throne boldly. It represents that intimate relationship that we have with Christ once you get saved. Now you and I can have a personal relationship with Christ, no veil separates us from God, He is in me, I am in Him, and I can go boldly into the throne of God and make my petitions. You see the Old Testament tabernacle was the key to everything, but then there are a couple other examples of it that I want you to see.

In the Old Testament sense, and I want to bring you back now to the Old Testament, all this changed at the death of Christ. This will be the theme of the book of Hebrews, something better. Christ is better than the angels, better promises, better priesthood, better sacrifices, better New Testament than the Old Testament. At His death the veil gets torn top to bottom, and when the Old Testament man could not have access to God, now we have access 24/7. Hebrews 9:16, tells us that at the death of the testator is when the New Testament comes into effect.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

Side Study: When did the New Testament church age start? **!**

Here is another little side study. The question is asked many times, “When did the New Testament church age start?” I have heard that question all my life, and I have heard all kinds of guys, there are all kinds of explanations. You definitely want to get this down. It is one of the keys to understanding God.

- ❖ God always does what He does by a transition of time and events. God never stops something on Monday and then starts something new on Tuesday.

This is one of the great keys to God and how He works in the keys to your Bible when you want to understand things. God will always work through a transition in everything He does.

VII. The New Testament is Built Around Three Books, Each One is a Transitional Book

Having said that, the New Testament is built around **three books, and each one is a transitional book.**

1. **Matthew.** Matthew transitions you from the Old Testament into the New Testament.
2. **Book of Acts.** The book of Acts transitions you from Israel into the church age.
3. **Book of Hebrews,** which transitions you out of the church age and into the tribulation.

Those are your three key transitional books in the Bible. Every heresy you are going to find, lose your salvation, anything you want to find. Every heresy that you are going to get up against as a New Testament Christian will come out of one of those three books. So people do not understand how they work. These three books will be the most crucial books in the Bible because your New Testament is built around these three books.

Even in nature, we have four seasons, spring, summer, fall, and winter. Now, I know in the world it will tell you June, whatever, is the first day of summer. October, September, whatever, is the first day of fall. But that is just man. On those days, it does not suddenly go from summer---you have a transition. Right now we are in a transition, if you know it or not. We had a summer of really hot days, and then we had some cool days, and now we have some hot days, and we will have some cool days, and then hotter days and cool days, and the hotter days get shorter, the colder days get longer, and you are in the fall. The leaves start to change. Most people think the leaves change because the temperature changes. No, the leaves change because the day gets shorter, and the sun does not shine as much, and they do not get what they need, so they die. It is a transition. Spring is the same way. It is just reverse. Cold days, hotter days, cold days, hot days, cool, and pretty soon it is spring. Spring is nice. April showers bring May flowers, and then June gets here, and you all get married, then it's summer. Some of you get married after that, too.

So when the church age starts, God does it by a transition. Now let me show you how it is. You want to get this down. The church being established goes through four stages of transition, and you have got to keep in mind that this transition is based on what God is doing with the nation of Israel, which most of God's people and certainly most pastors do not see. They do not see when you get into the book of Acts that the first seven chapters of the book of Acts is God dealing with the nation of Israel to give them the kingdom. We talked about this several weeks ago.

Here are the four transitions:

- 1.) In Matthew chapter 10, the apostles are called out. When you go to Ephesians 2:20, you are told that the foundation of the church starts with the apostles. So that is the calling out of the church, even though nobody knew it, because God in His mind still dealing with Israel, but He is ready to go if Israel does not do what they are supposed to do.
- 2.) Then the New Testament was called out in Matthew 10. It goes into effect when the veil is rent in Mark 15:38. The death of Christ, the death of the testator now starts the New Testament, but nobody knew it.
- 3.) So it gets called out in Matthew chapter 10. It goes into effect, but it does not get empowered until Acts chapter 2, that they have Pentecost when the Holy Spirit of God comes.
- 4.) Now with the first three transitions, God is ready to go either way. Now that the New Testament is here, now that the Jews are here, and now that the Holy Spirit of God is here, He can go either way. So He gives the Jew one final chance, Acts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and they make their final rejection in 7. Then what happens? You see the transition kick off. They make the rejection in Acts chapter 7. Who gets saved in Acts chapter 8, an Ethiopian eunuch? Gentile, 100%. Who gets saved in Acts chapter 9? Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Who gets saved in Acts 10, Cornelius. When were they first called Christians? Acts 11 at Antioch. Off you go.

See the transition? But God didn't explain it to anybody. In fact, I gave you this Thursday night. Romans 16:25-26.

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

See that thing? God did not reveal it. It was a mystery. He is not telling you what He is doing until He sees and gives Israel their final chance, but while that is happening, the transition is moving through. Here we are. So the veil being ripped top to bottom, that is what it is a picture of.

VIII. Significance of the Veil Torn from Top to Bottom

Now a couple of more things I want to see and we will be done here. We are in good time. I am going to make it after all. That veil was torn from top to bottom. Now why did He have to tell me that? Why did it say it was ripped in two? Why did He tell me from the top to the bottom?

The more you study the Bible, the more you get into the Bible and the more you go up to the levels of the Bible, you will understand that there is nothing in the Bible by accident. He put that in there to show me something. The Bible is always consistent. He put in from the top to the bottom, showing you how that God left the third heaven at the top and came down to this earth, which Isaiah 66:1 says is now His footstool, just like the tabernacle, ark of the covenant, down through the second section, into the first section, and He became the sacrifice on the brazen altar. He wanted to show me by its consistency that the veil was torn from the top to the bottom, showing me that the Lord, the Son of Man, the Son of God left the throne of heaven, came down to this earth from the top to the bottom and became my sacrifice. To every man to make a ransom for that man's soul for sin. Everything in that Bible will mean something.

IX. The Deceitfulness of Man when it comes to Christ's Death On the Cross

One more thing. That veil being torn from top to bottom will also show us the deceitfulness of man when it comes to his death on the cross. Even today, it is plain and simple. The reason for that is that this took place in 33 A.D. I cannot imagine what the high priest or the priest did when they walked into the temple and that guy said, "Oh my God, the veil is ripped, it is open. I just saw the Holy of Holies. I am going to die," but he did not die. He walked in that thing, pulled the rip apart. Something had changed. For the last 3,000 years, I would be a dead man. What changed? You know what the dishonesty was? That was in 33 A.D. Instead of him running out and telling everybody, "Hey, hey, you can go into the Holy of Holies. Hey, hey, the thing is

ripped apart. You can go in.” They sewed it back up. In 70 A.D. When Titus came down and destroyed Jerusalem, they were still pretending not to go beyond the veil. That shows you the dishonesty of man when it comes to Christ's death on the cross. It is even today, even today.

A couple of weeks ago, they killed Charlie Kirk. We had a Bible study about it. I laid it out to you. It is amazing to me the people in this country and even the people in this government. I am not a Republican or Democrat, but the Republicans put something out there that was documentation or a declaration, something about disclaiming violence and all those things and his death and all that. There were 58 Democrats who would not sign it.

Some of them got on there and just tore him up, talked about he deserved what he got. Some of you probably have seen it on the web about the people that hated him and just said he got what he deserved. The guy that shot him had written on his cases, “Hey, fascist, catch this,” meaning the bullet. Most people missed the point. The hatred is not about Charlie Kirk. The hatred is about what he stood for. Charlie Kirk, if he did not preach the gospel, did not take a stand, he would have been just like everybody else. Everybody would have been okay. It was the message that he preached. It is this country. It is not about him. It is about they hate God. They hate the Bible. They hate everything that stands for anything that God is. **You know why?** They are just like the priests back there. They sewed up the veil and pretended the crucifixion never happened. Right in front of everybody's eyes and everybody thinks it is about him. Everybody thinks that, you know, hey, praise the Lord for what he did. But the bottom line is it was not about him. They do not hate him. They hate the message that he had. You better take it to heart because if you take your stand, they are going to hate you. This is why I tell you not to take it personal. They do not hate you. They hate the message and the man you preach about. But it does not stop there. So they sewed that sucker up. The guy said, “Boys, business as usual.”

Though the world may hate the message of God and hate men like that and kill them. Do not kid yourself in the Christian world there are people that hate this King James Bible. They hate everything it stands for. Just like they sewed it up and pretend the crucifixion did not happen. Preachers today and Christians today dump this book and pretend that God never gave us a real perfect one. I will even take it one step further. Some of God's people live their lives day in and day out with no change in their life. No turning point in their life. They live every day of their life outside of a walk with God. It is almost like they are pretending that the crucifixion never happened too. Because they never changed their life.

X. Summary

Twenty-one stages of the Passion Week you now have to put in your Bible. Now you also know that God always works through a transition. Summing it up, you have five things about this veil and it being torn top to bottom.

- 1.) The Old Testament tabernacle and how it separated the Holy of Holies from man.
- 2.) When Christ died the veil was torn from the top to the bottom and man can now have total access with God. In the Old Testament man was separated from God. When the veil got ripped in the New Testament now man is separated from the world. The veil was torn

from top to bottom, now man can have total access to God. As Colossians 2:10 says “*we are complete in Him.*”

3.) The death of Christ and the tearing of the veil started the New Testament but through a four-point transition.

4.) The deceit and deception people will pretend it never really happened and there will be no change in their life whether you are saved or whether you are lost.

5.) The reason it was torn from top to bottom. God coming down to man. God leaving the throne of heaven to come down to the dusty streets and roads of this old world. To be hung in a cross to make His soul a ransom for my sin.

As we continue to go through these Old Testament passages you will want to line them up with Mark's complete account and then add the other three books to it. You will have an understanding of two things.

(1) The events of His crucifixion not just day by day but as you can see now hour by hour.

(2) The roaring of His voice, the very thoughts that He had, putting those two together will now give you a complete understanding. Of the day of days, the day He died for you on the cross.

As we get through next week and some of the other places you are going to see the actual places in Mark that they talked about and prophesied about in the Old Testament. You are going to find yourself in those verses.