

FOUR SERMONS...PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

I will be relating the experience of Jesus and Jerusalem in 33 AD to our experiences of the Coronavirus in 2020 AD.

1. Palm Sunday "There is something in the air."
2. Maundy Thursday "Let this cup pass from me."
3. Good Friday "Is death the final word?"
4. Easter Sunday "Light at the end of the tunnel"

1. PALM SUNDAY There is something in the air.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, there was something in the air. One million extra people came to Jerusalem for the Passover. Passover was on Friday. Many visitors came a week early. The streets were packed with people. The temple would have thousands, elbow to elbow. People would flock to the houses of their Jerusalem relatives. Excitement was everywhere. The history of Israel would flow in your veins. The Jewish CIA would also be everywhere. The Romans wanted the Jews to control their own people from any crimes or revolutionary impulses. The Romans were everywhere also and the buck stopped there. Any hint of trouble would summon the Roman guards. The air was electric. The air was full. What would Jesus do to change this environment? His followers knew who Jesus was. He was their Lord, their king. So they did what they do for any king. They laid palm leaves to indicate royalty. Jesus rode in his own kingly style. He rode on a donkey. Many of Jesus' followers wanted him on a white warrior horse. Let's kick these Romans out with our best weapon, the Lord Jesus. Meanwhile, the Jewish CIA made their reports. The Romans were put on alert. The air was toxic and nobody knew what would happen. They were anxious and afraid.

We can understand Palm Sunday with our experience of the virus. Our air is toxic. Millions in our world will die. We will follow rules but there are no guarantees. We are anxious and afraid. However, we Christians still look to this man on a donkey. What will he do? What kind of a king is he? Should I put palm leaves before him? Is he any kind of a savior? Is he any kind of a healer? We need a savior and a healer.

PRAYER: Jesus, be our savior. The Lord knows we need one. Clean and clear our air. Bring us the wind and spirit of good news. Enable us and our leaders and doctors and nurses to fight the good fight. Amen.