

Palm Sunday

April 4th, 2023

John 12:12-17 - read through story of Jesus entry

John 12:20-36

vs.25 "those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity."

vs.28-31 "Father, bring glory to your name. Then a voice from heaven, saying, 'I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again...the voice was for your benefit, not mine. The time for judging this world has come...'"

Judgement was not meant to be heard as a bad thing but a moment where **justice** wins out.

vs.32 "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

Jesus is drawing everyone to come into the light... but it always requires us laying down the life THIS WORLD has tried to offer us.

vs.36 "put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light."

vs.46 "I have come as a light to shine in this dark world so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark..."

vs.47-48 (ESV) "If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world..."

Galatians 5:1 "So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free."

How have we reasoned away the work of Jesus in our lives?

How is God calling us into freedom today?

READ TOGETHER IN 2023 **It's not too late to start!** Go to our website to learn more and join this year's reading plan.

GET CONNECTED **On a Team, In a Group, and Living Outward** Get connected by joining a serving team, finding a small group, or discovering an opportunity to live outward. Stop by the Connect Area in the lobby to talk to a Small Group Leader or one of our staff members.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** 7th-12th graders gather weekly on Sunday nights at NTC for a message and time to connect and have fun!

WEDNESDAY PRAYER **Wednesday at 7:00pm** We gather together every Wednesday here at NTC to pray for one hour.

LADIES MOVIE NIGHT **Wednesday at 6pm in Malone** Gather with ladies at Living Hope Church to watch the comedy "Mom's Night Out."

BRIDGE **Thursday at 6pm** A gathering for 5th - 7th graders to grow and "know" God in activities geared for their age group!

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY **Friday at 9:30am** Pray for our nation together every Friday morning here at the church.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE **Friday at 7pm** Come out on the Friday night before Resurrection Sunday to reflect on the night that Jesus was crucified.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT **Saturday at 10am** Invite your friends and neighbors to participate in this annual event on Easter weekend. Learn how you can participate by stopping by the table in the lobby on your way out.

coming up....

NEW GROUP FOR MEN **Starting April 11th** Join Sanford Newvine for this 11-week video course exploring a Biblical understanding of manhood. Sign up on the ChurchCenter App or at the Connect Area today.

KINDRED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE **May 5th-6th** We are excited to announce our second annual women's conference coming up in May. Sign up on the ChurchCenter App or visit our website to learn more.

This Week's Prayer Points:

**Team in Colombia to help serve EnCasa with a VBS*

**Upcoming Easter Services in our area!*

**Recruiting for Momentum Class of 2024*

**Upcoming Women's Conference on May 5th & 6th*

**Lawsuit against NTC & Living Hope Church to be settled/dismissed*

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