

## Easter Part 1

### Jesus Is Easter series 2023

1. Jesus is the Greatest servant
2. Jesus is the Perfect sacrifice
3. Jesus is the Only Savior

### **Timeline:**

#### Palm Sunday(Sunday)

- Jesus rides into Jerusalem like a King
- Praised and honored by the people
- This is after 3 years of miracles, phenomenal teaching, and Jesus teaching them how to be a servant leader

#### Fig Tree(Monday/Tuesday)

- Jesus curses the fig tree because it did not bear fruit
- The next day the tree is completely withered
- Jesus was showing His disciples that faith in God is powerful, it's not just a feeling

#### Plot to kill Jesus(Wednesday)

- Judas Iscariot filled with evil bargains for Christ's life
- Judas stole money (John 12:6)
- Judas never called Jesus Lord, only Rabbi
- Bottom line, Judas did not believe Jesus was the Christ

#### Last Supper(Thursday)->

- Jesus washes the disciple's feet including Judas
- Jesus sends Judas out
- Jesus offers a new covenant through His blood
- Then the head to the garden of Gethsemane

### **Luke 22:24-30**

Then a dispute also arose among them about who should be considered the greatest.

- Where were they when this dispute started?
- what??
- You have seen Jesus's miracles, you have watched him, you have experienced his power, been present as He has shown mercy, He has

just washed your feet and cared for you and your #1 desire is to establish your greatness?

**25** But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them have themselves called 'Benefactors.'

1. Leadership is not to be used for a personal platform (look at me)
  - Leadership is to be used to focus on other's needs (look to the need)

[Romans 12:10 \(ESV\)](#)

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

2. Leadership is not to be used to elevate power (I'm greater than you)
  - Leadership is to be used to work together in the body (You are greater than me)

[1st Corinthians 12:27](#)

Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.

3. Leadership is not to be used for domination (do what I say)
  - Leadership is to be used for the subjugation of self (do what I do)

[1st Corinthians 9:19](#)

Although I am free from all and not anyone's slave, I have made myself a slave to everyone, in order to win more people.

**26** It is not to be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever is greatest among you should become like the youngest, and whoever leads, like the one serving.

- Jesus commands us to not be like this. Ever. Don't be a worldly leader!
- How should we lead?

Two ways to be a Godly leader:

1. If you have a leadership position, be like you were when you were a new Christian

[1st Timothy 4:12](#)

Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

2. Be a servant to those you lead

**27** For who is greater, the one at the table or the one serving? Isn't it the one at the table?

- Worldly standards: The one who serves is less than, the one who is served, greater
- Godly standards: The one who demands service, is less than, the one who serves, greater

**But I am among you as the one who serves.** **28** You are those who stood by me in my trials. **29** I bestow on you a kingdom, just as my Father bestowed one on me, **30** so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

- Jesus, who is God is the chief servant
- Jesus clarifies that there will be a new kingdom, and that they will be a part of it

**Application for this season:**

1. Opportunity to serve your family and friends
2. A chance to reevaluate, who do you think is the greatest?