



Sunday 16th April— 9:30am Catholic Hall

Luke 2:21-40 Devoted to Jesus

A reminder of today's BD message.....

On a Sunday, Jesus rode a young donkey into Jerusalem, and the crowds lined the road cheering him on—welcoming their long awaited Messiah. By Friday they yelled 'crucify him'.

Jesus had been ministering in the regional areas as he gradually made his way toward Jerusalem. His message was well received and his miracles were welcomed. But there was also a growing animosity towards him from the Pharisees and religious hierarchy who were mostly based in Jerusalem. So as Jesus approached, the tension and expectation were building that the Kingdom of God was about to appear.

And Jesus had to correct them because they were not going to get what they were expecting. Just before that journey into the city, Jesus had told them a parable to explain:

- * The Kingdom of God was not going to appear immediately
- * Most people were going to hate Him and not want Him to be their King
- * Those who are faithful were to spread the gospel message
- * Next time Jesus returns will be when He is established as King
- * Those who hate Him and reject Him will be judged

And then Palm Sunday happens. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem coats were used as a carpet and palm branches waved in welcome as a joyous procession of praise. But what were they really celebrating? They were praising him for the mighty works they had seen—the healings, the miracles, the feeding of the multitudes, the bringing back to life of a dead son. The crowds were in love with the immediacy of the miracles.

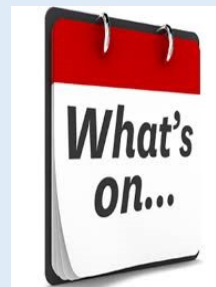
What they did not see and what they did not understand was that the Kingdom of God was not yet!

So as Jesus drew closer to entering Jerusalem, he wept—an immense, overwhelming, outpouring of grief. Why? Because he knew that they would not recognise the One who was riding the donkey into town as the Son of God. He knew they were looking for a leader who would lead them to a rebellion against Rome, an uprising of the people over their oppressors. But Jesus never came for that. He didn't come to conquer cities, He came to conquer hearts.

The people of Jerusalem did not recognise the time of their visitation—and they crucified the Son of God. The people of Jerusalem had 'buyers remorse' because they were ready for an immediate fulfillment of all their hopes and dreams. But it wasn't going to be immediate. Jesus WILL one day return as King! We wait!

Bush Disciples April Roster 2023

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Morning tea
16/04	D&R	D&P	AH	A&M	J&S	B&R
30/04	B&R	D&R	AH	D&P	A&M	J&S

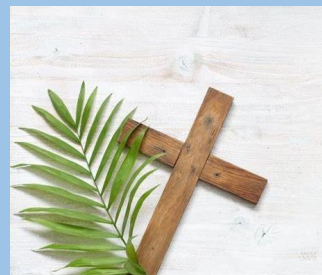


Men's Prayer Meeting

6am "Mywybilla" every Wednesday

KYB—In recess for School Holidays

Men's Bible Study—In recess for School Holidays



Lord Jesus, we proclaim You as King and we wait for You to come with Your Kingdom!

Order of Service 16th April 2023

Welcome & Opening Prayer	David & Ruth
Songs x 2	Chelsea & Rhonda
Children's Story	David & Pauline
Bible Reading	Anne Luke 2:21-40
Message	Devoted to Jesus
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Communion	Andrew & Monique
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Closing Prayer	Justin & Sarah
Computer Operation	Harry
Morning Tea	Bruce & Rhonda