

“ONE GREAT WEEK IN TIME”
ONE KING – ONE SACRIFICE – ONE RESURRECTION

INTRO: Did you ever have a week that was filled with activity and when you looked back upon it you marveled at all the quality work that was done? Well, the last week of Jesus Christ before His **SACRIFICIAL DEATH AND GLORIOUS RESURRECTION** was that kind of a week and was filled with very significant eternal and redemptive work. The last week before Christ’s **death and resurrection** is commonly referred to as **THE WEEK OF HIS PASSION** and included at least **50 events that culminated in THE RESURRECTION**. In today’s message, let’s examine **THREE OF THOSE GREAT EVENTS** and what they mean to the eternal and redemptive work of Christ. **THIS ONE GREAT WEEK IN TIME INVOLVED ONE KING, ONE SACRIFICE AND ONE RESURRECTION** that changed the course of history.

I. ONE WEEK BROUGHT THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY
-ONE ETERNAL KING-
JESUS CHRIST OFFERED HIMSELF AS KING

Matthew 21:1-11

A. Christ’s Action

1. Christ offered Himself as King to Israel but knew in advance that they would reject Him – Matthew 16:21
2. Christ **DID NOT** come into the world the **FIRST TIME** to set up His Kingdom. He came the **FIRST TIME** to deal with the issue of sin.
-Hebrews 9:27,28

B. Christ’s Kingship

1. His Kingship was Promised – 2 Samuel 7:12-16
2. His Kingship was Predicted – Isaiah 9:7
3. His Kingship was Offered – John 12:13
4. His Kingship was Rejected – Matthew 27:11-22
5. His Kingship was Realized – Revelation 19:15,16

II. ONE WEEK BROUGHT THE TOWERING CROSS
-ONE EFFECTIVE SACRIFICE-
JESUS CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

Luke 23:26-49

A. A Sacrifice was needed because of the Sinfulness of Mankind

1. Sin Began in the Garden of Eden – Genesis 3:1-15
2. Sin Affected the Entire Human Race – Romans 3:23
3. Sin Required the Sacrifice of Death for a Payment – Romans 6:23
4. Sin’s Eternal Penalty could have only been dealt with by a Sacrifice offered by a Savior Who was God and Man. That was Jesus Christ – John 1:14

B. A Sacrifice was Realized in Jesus Christ Alone

1. Only Jesus Christ Died for our Sins on the Cross – Philippians 2:8
2. Only Jesus Christ was Sacrificed Himself on the Cross
– Hebrews 10:10-14

III. ONE WEEK BROUGHT THE TREASURED EFFECT
- ONE EXCELLENT RESURRECTION-
JESUS CHRIST AROSE FROM THE DEAD AS THE SON OF GOD

Matthew 28:1-10

A. Christ’s Resurrection Validated Him as the Lord and Christ – Acts 2:36

1. Lord – Master
2. Christ – Messiah

B. Christ’s Resurrection Proved He is the Son of God – Romans 1:4

1. Had Christ not risen He would have been a liar
2. Had Christ not risen He would have been a farce

Christ has risen because He is God's Eternal son

- C. Christ's Resurrection Guarantees Eternal Life – 1 Peter 1:3,4
1. The Result of Abundant Mercy – Vs. 3a
 2. The Reality of a Living Hope – Vs. 3b
 3. The Reservation of an Eternal Inheritance – Vs. 4

LESSON AND APPLICATION:

There has NEVER been a week in the HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE that has had a greater ETERNAL VALUE than THE WEEK OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST. HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO IT TODAY?

- With personal acceptance – Accept Christ as Savior
- With personal praise – Praise God for Jesus Christ the ETERNAL KING, SACRIFICE AND GIVER OF LIFE!
- With personal expression – Share the MESSAGE OF CHRIST with others.