

HOW TO TALK TO MY FRIENDS...

...ABOUT HOLY WEEK

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

~ 2 Timothy 4:2

1. A New Series

- a. How to talk to your friends/evangelize about grace, failures to rightly divide, God’s intervention, suffering/tragedy/evil, without being fake, offended, reckless, or obnoxious.
- b. We need to speak to family, friends, people – 2 Tim 4:1, Eph 3:9, Rom 10:17
- c. Why? Not to prove yourself right, come to church socials, bring ‘em down, but→1Tim 2:4

2. How to talk to your friends ... about Holy Week

- a. Holy days are how religious people express their “faith” (by days, deeds, and dollars)
- b. Talking to those who observe them gives them an opportunity to talk to you.
- c. Check your motivation: not to tear down decorations, or join anti-holiday crusade
- d. The motivation should be God’s will → 1 Tim 2:4, Acts 20:26-27; 2 Cor 4:2-5

3. Get Knowledge

- a. Know what you are talking about; don’t talk in ignorance (Eph 4:17-18)
- b. Holy Week – The name religions give to the seven holy days before Easter Sunday
- c. Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Tuesday, Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Black Saturday, Easter Sunday; Tenebrae, Via Dolorosa; fasts, masses, & ashes
- d. If you don’t know, **ASK!** *“Why do you do this or that? What do you mean?”*
- e. If they talk, **Listen!** Well placed questions cause people to think about what they know.
- f. We meet to help you increase in knowledge, so you can talk to your friends.

4. Know Your Bible

- a. Eggs, ham, bunnies, jelly beans, peeps, nothing that happens this week Christ endorsed
- b. The Easter pageants end with the cross and empty tomb Mk 16:11
- c. Paul’s gospel begins there: the result of the resurrection –1Cor 15:17;2Tim 2:8;Rom 8:11
- d. Today (Palm Sunday) people recreate/remember - Mt 21, Mk 11, Lk 19:28, Jn 12:11
- e. What we learn there? No one knew the mystery of Christ, or the preaching of the cross.
- f. 1) Hosanna! And palms were fulfilling prophecy – Zech 9:9, Ps 118:24-25
- g. 2) It wasn’t time for the triumphal entry of God’s kingdom - Luke 1:71,19:41-48,Mt 21:43
- h. 3) Religious leaders follow the crowd – John 19:15, Matt 21:15, 26-27, John 19:14-15
- i. 4) The crowd was filled with unbelievers – Matt 16:13-15, 21:10-11; John 12:9,18, 34-43
- j. 5) The disciples did not understand until later – John 12:16; Luke 18:34
- k. 6) The gospel of the grace of God was not yet known or preached – Ro 16:25,1Cor 2:7-8
- l. 7) We do not know Christ after the flesh, but after the mystery revelation – 2 Cor 5:16

5. Know What We Preach

- a. Recreating the way of suffering, Israel’s rejection, his prophetic fulfillment is good for Sunday school, but not for the church’s ministry to the world. Eph 3:2,3:8,1Co 1:18, 2:2
- b. Our message not the king or his kingdom is here now, but that he is offering grace to all.
- c. Preach the word! Preach the cross of Christ as glorious good news! Gal 6:14