

“My Faith In Jesus Is Real”

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Matthew 21:6-9 (NKJV)

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

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Jesus' Triumphal Entry

- Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the last week of Jesus' earthly life.
- Within a week He will have been betrayed by the kiss of a friend, denied by another friend, tried on false charges, found guilty and crucified on a cross between two thieves.
- The same people who praised Him would betray Him.
- He will be buried in a borrowed tomb and three days later He will rise from the dead.

John 10:17-18 (NKJV)

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.

I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

This command I have received from My Father."

Sadly in many churches the meaning of Christ and the Cross has lost its purpose.

The greatest mission field in our country to today is in our local church- the people sitting already in our churches.

The great evangelist, Billy Graham

Many people know What to say,
How to say it, even How to act in
it, but when the rubber truly meets
that road, there is no personal
relationship with Jesus Christ.

No salvation- just empty words.

The Paradox of Palm Sunday

- On Sunday Jesus rode into the city with the people shouting praises and praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.
- On Good Friday they are shouting, “Give us Barabbas, We want him, Crucify Jesus.”

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Matthew 15:3-5 (NKJV)

3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"

Matthew 15:6-9 (NKJV)

6 Then he need not honor his father or mother.

Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

8 “These people draw near to Me with their mouth,

And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

9 And in vain they worship Me,

Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

Why The Change Is Necessary?

1. Some people's words don't match their heart.
2. Some people have religion but they don't have a relationship with the person, Jesus.
3. Some people possess a casual faith and not a committed faith.

“Four Keys To Committed Faith”

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1) A committed faith is not self-centered it is Christ-Centered.

Psalm 63:1-2 (NIV)

1 O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you,

my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

Four Keys To Committed Faith

2) A committed faith is relationship driven.

John 13:23-24 (NKJV)

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

Four Keys To Committed Faith

3) Committed faith is not swayed or blocked by our personal trials and crises.

Acts 20:24 (NLT)

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

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Acts 20:24 (NKJV)

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Four Keys To Committed Faith

4) A committed faith takes the good, the bad and the ugly.

Hebrews 13:5(NKJV)

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Romans 5:7-8 (The Message Bible)

7 We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice.

8 But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.