

# A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

Sunday, August 30, 2009

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!*

## **Mark 11:9-10**

The thing you must remember as you read through the Bible, is God's purpose in giving us this book. God's purpose, you understand, is not to tell you more about **'you.'** It is to tell you more about *Christ!* He did not move heaven and earth to provide you with a little advice for how you can have your best life now or improve your situation here on earth. He did it to reveal Christ to you so that through Him you might gain eternal life. That's the focus of the Bible. Christ, not you! And that makes all the difference in the world.

It's why we call it *Gospel* – Good news! Because it's not about you and what you must do to make yourself acceptable, or to get ahead in life. My friend, you have failed at that! Instead, it an announcement about Christ and what He has done to rescue moral and spiritual failures like us! It is not until you realize that, that you are on your way to understanding Christianity!

This morning, we'll watch as Jesus begins to take control of the circumstances leading up to his crucifixion in order to fulfill ancient prophesy and thus make crystal clear that He really is God's Messiah and therefore the One we can trust with our lives and eternities as well. May God gives us eyes to see and hearts to believe as we watch His truth unfold.

Let me also remind you that our Annual Congregational Meeting is next week, September 6<sup>th</sup>, right after lunch, which is provided. We have several things to bring before you, including a new budget, some changes in our staff structure that will help us be better organized as a church, etc. I hope each of you will plan on being there with us. Also, tonight at 6:30 PM, I hope to address the subject of our relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention and it's missions through the IMB and NAMB

Seeking Him for Life !

***Pastor Scott***