

Living Securely in Uncertain Times
Matthew 1:21 and Psalm 130

Beginning today we celebrate the last week of Christ's life on earth. This morning is called Palm Sunday and is named for the Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-15). In the midst of this week I'd like us to think through how we can live securely in these uncertain times. We are facing physical, emotional, and spiritual trials that make life appear to be very uncertain. So, how do we live in these times? Let's look to Jesus for help.

1. Stick with the truth—_____.

(Matthew 1:21; 20:28; 26:28. See also: Luke 2:11; John 3:17; Acts 5:31; Titus 2:14)

2. Stick with the relationship—_____.

(Psalm 130; See the Penitential Psalms: Psalm 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143)

Day by Day in the Word of God

Day by Day in the Word is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

1. Focus your attention on the words of Christ from the third hour to the sixth hour (Mark 15:25—from 9 a.m. to noon):
 - Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”
 - Luke 23:43 “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”
 - John 19:26-27 “Dear woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”
2. What do you find out about Christ? Any promises? Any truths that are foundational? What’s one thing that you can take away from this meditation? Ask the Lord to put an individual on your heart to share this with and make plans to do that.

Wednesday-Thursday

1. Focus your attention on the words of Christ from the sixth hour to the ninth hour (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44; from noon to three in the afternoon).
 - Matthew 27:46 “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”
 - John 19:28 “I am thirsty.”
 - John 19:30 “It is finished.” (Apparently the loud cry of Matthew 27:50 and Mark 15:37)
 - Luke 23:46 “Father into your hands I commit my spirit.”
2. What do you find out about Christ? Any promises? Any truths that are foundational? What’s one thing that you can take away from this meditation? Ask the Lord to put an individual on your heart to share this with and make plans to do that.

Friday-Saturday

1. Read the resurrection passages before you come to the Easter service on Sunday. See Matthew 28:1-13; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-31.
2. Let’s say that an elementary child comes to you and asks, “Why do we celebrate Easter?” What would you say?
3. Let’s say that an adult friend comes to you and asks, “Why do we celebrate Easter?” What would you say? Pray that God would bring this individual into your life and be prepared to share with them.