



The Passion of Jesus

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 21:1-17 • Pastor Dan Nold

## PASSION PICTURES:

PASSION IS NOT JUST exuberant emotion...

PASSION IS THE HEROIC courage of sacrifice...

*The entire city of Jerusalem was stirred as he entered.*

### What stirs me up?

"Who is this?" they asked. And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the merchants and their customers. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the stalls of those selling doves. He said, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a place (house) of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" The blind and the lame came to him, and he healed them there in the Temple. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the little children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David." But they were indignant.. Matthew 21:10-15 (NIV)

### What offends me?

..and asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" "Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'" Then he returned to Bethany, where he stayed overnight. Matthew 21:16-17 (NIV)

A PASSION FOR HIS HOUSE.

A PASSION FOR PRAYER..

A PASSION FOR PEOPLE.

## LET'S LEAVE AN EASTER MARK

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Matthew 21:14-17 (NIV)

**STEP 1:** DRIVE OUT THE THIEVES.

**STEP 2:** PRIORITIZE PRAYER.

**STEP 3:** SERVE PEOPLE.

Who does God want in my house of prayer?

# upcoming events

FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.CALVARYSC.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS](http://WWW.CALVARYSC.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS)

Sun	3/28	12:30pm	College Student Monthly Luncheon
		12:30pm	Estonia Mission Trip Info Meeting
		7pm	The Gathering (Community Worship)
Wed	3/31	7pm	Heart-to-Heart
Thurs	4/1	6:15am	<b>Men's Ministry - 12wk Series Begins</b>
		7:30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship</b>
Fri	4/2 -3	---	<b>Good Friday: The Way of the Cross</b>
		8:30pm	HSM Broomball & Lock-In
Sat/Sun	4/10-11	---	Baptism Weekend
Sat/Sun	4/17-18	---	<b>CityServe Weekend</b>
Sat-Sun	5/8-9	---	Child Dedications
Mon	6/28-7/2	---	Calvary's Sports Camp
Fri	6/18-28	---	Estonia Mission Trip
Mon	7/12-30	---	Rwanda Mission Trip

\*This list does not include recurring events.  
Check Calvary's calendar for a complete listing:  
[www.calvarysc.org/calendar](http://www.calvarysc.org/calendar)

## A Closer Look

### Holy Week Opportunities - Celebrate Easter 2010

- **Thurs 4/1, Maundy Thursday:** 7:30pm worship at Calvary 1250.
- **Fri 4/2, Good Friday:** The Way of the Cross -- Self-guided, interactive prayer stations, exploring the events of Christ's passion - the suffering of Jesus leading up to His crucifixion and death. More details on web: [\[www.calvarysc.org/easter\]](http://www.calvarysc.org/easter) Open: 7-9am, 11am-2pm, 4-10pm

**4/1 Men's Ministry Begins:** A Man's Guide to the Spiritual Disciplines – Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:45am starting April 1 - June 17 @ Calvary 1250 – Rm 16/18 - Register: [www.calvarysc.org/men](http://www.calvarysc.org/men)

**Day Care starting at Calvary!** We want your feedback! Please fill out the survey at [www.calvarysc.org/daycare](http://www.calvarysc.org/daycare) so we can best serve you and your family!

**C-WoW Magazine:** Look for Calvary's new magazine celebrating a church without walls in the mail or pick up your copy in the lobby. Produced every spring, summer and fall...or so ☺

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# THE WEEKLY

3.27-28.10

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Read about how God uses CityServe to meet known and unknown needs among us...

"Last year during CityServe, we took on a few projects for my neighbor and former coworker, John\* - a gentleman whom I've never seen without a neck brace due to a chronic debilitating back injury. We power-washed the outside of his home, took care of some electrical work, and spackled and repainted part of his bedroom ceiling. We had to move his bed, a mattress propped up with wooden slats and blocks, to repair his ceiling. Dismayed that a man with severe back pain slept on such a bed, we moved it back in place but doubted it would survive another night. It didn't. I got an email from him the next day saying it had collapsed.

This man needed a new bed. Where do you find a bed replacement quickly? I sleep on one. That night after work, my roommate and I moved my bed frame and box springs to his home. This email came the next day:

"They never told me... that Angels came with beds. You certainly have been the greatest single benefactress in my life. The new bed is just perfect: height is just right (sitting at the edge of the bed in the morning is so comfortable that it is hard to move farther), AND it is way more comfortable to sleep on; I don't understand how the box springs do it, but the mattress is just as firm as before, but the top inch feels softer, more comforting. In fact, here at 8:45AM, I think I'll go back to bed and luxuriate in the feeling even if I don't catch more Zs. Many, many thanks."

When we initially asked John how we could help him through CityServe, he didn't ask for a bed. He wasn't even really aware of his need for one. It was only upon entering and serving in his home that this need (perhaps even greater than the home repairs) became known.

John doesn't know it was my bed... and so doesn't know the rest of the story as to how the church then met my need for a new bed. After just a little while of sleeping on my mattress on the floor, I received - from one friend the bed frame, from another the box springs, from another the vehicle to move them, and from others the arms to carry and set it up. It was awesome for me to then sleep on a bed that was truly from different parts of the body of church.

\*NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED FOR PRIVACY.



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- Worship Times & Locations /worship
- Request Info or a Brochure /info-request
- Serve at Calvary or in the Community /give
- Connect to a Life Group or Other Group /connect

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