

TOPIC: THE PASSION OF CHRIST

WEEK : 2

The meaning of passion of Christ (Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1, Luke 19:28-44)

The passion of Christ refers to the suffering, trial denial and the death of Jesus Christ for the Salvation of mankind.

This began with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem which marked the beginning of the end of His ministry on earth.

The significance of this entry into Jerusalem are:

1. It marks the fulfillment of the Prophecy spoken by Zechariah.
2. Riding on a calf presented Jesus as a humble Messiah and Prince of Peace.
3. It also signifies a royal-conquering Messiah and not a militant.

The Last Supper is the same thing as the last meal Jesus took with His disciples before His arrest. During which He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples and said to them, "this is my body which will be broken for you". Afterward He took the Chalice blessed it gave it to them saying this is my blood, drink it, the blood of the new covenant poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in Remembrance of me.

The significance of the Last Supper

- i. The Last Supper serves as Jesus last meal with His disciple
- ii. The bread represents His body; while the wine represents His blood.
- iii. The Breaking of the bread represents a broken of Christ body for our sins and the wine His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.
- iv. The body and blood of Jesus Christ is received today as Holy Communion in our churches.

The Betrayal, Arrest, Trial and Peter's Denial

Matt. 26:47-68; Mk. 14:43-52; Matt. 26:47-68; 69-75

Instance that could lead to a Christian Denial of Christ or Neighbour

- i. When we openly deny our faith as Christians.
- ii. When one faces family pressure to deny Christ because of certain social privileges and benefits.

- iii. Pressures and intimidation from Friends to join other religion or occultic group.
- iv. Swearing of oaths by perpetrating wickedness on others.
 - v. When seeking appointment to high offices under a Muslim leader or traditionalists who only favours their members.
 - vi. The desire to acquire wealth quickly e.g. blood money.
 - vii. When you indulges in telling lies to cover up evil and avoid punishment.
- viii. Cheating during internal and external examination.
 - ix. When fear and anxiety grip us.

EVALUATION

- i. What is the passion of Christ?
- ii. What is the meaning of the last supper?
- iii. The bread and wine during the last supper represents what?
- iv. Mention two significance of the triumphant entry
- v. Why did the why did Peter deny Jesus?
- vi. Mention three situations that can make a Christian deny Christ.