

PASTOR'S PATCH

The Worst Decision



Do you know what occurred between 11:40pm on April 14th 1912, and 2:20am on 15th April 1912? To be fair, the picture should give you a good clue! That's right, the sinking of "RMS Titanic" of the White Star Line.

The story is well documented, but let me draw your attention to the ship's title name, "RMS". This stands for "Royal Mail Ship". The title has been used since the mid 19th century and such ships were initially operated by the Admiralty before turning commercial. The fact is they were used to send mail from one place to

another, that is, information and messages were sent through such ships.

In this week's sermon passage, Luke 19:28-44, we see a different transfer of information. We see a king riding on a donkey coming into a town to fulfill over 300 prophecies. Jesus wept over the city. He cried because they could not see the value of the message.

RMS Titanic sunk for any number of reasons, but one of them was because people believed the wrong things. The ship was thought "practically unsinkable". That led to believing sufficient lifeboats were unnecessary clutter. It led to believing it could steam full ahead even in the environment of ice reports couple with an extremely calm sea (*such as sea meant icebergs were harder to spot at night as there might be no to little "foaming" around their base*).

People at the time of Jesus' final entry to Jerusalem also believed the wrong things. They thought a conquering king would come. The donkey approach was likely a bit of a surprise, but none-the-less they knew Jesus was special, not just how special.

The question is will we cry "Hosanna" ("Save") to the real Jesus? Will we believe through faith the amazing grace that Jesus poured out in the coming days? Will we shout "Hosanna" one day and curse him the next? Or will we fall on our knees, place our lives on that road rather than palm-leaves or coats, and open our very souls to forgiveness of sin, and life in all its fullness? For this, Jesus came, with infinite lifeboat space for all who trust him to save them!

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