

Sermon Outlines

Events Which Changed Lives In a Moment

1. Readings:

- a) Acts 3:11-13; Rom. 8:31-32 - delivered up two contrasting deliverings.
- b) Rom. 8:32; 2 Pet. 2:4 - two contrasting times when God did not spare.
- c) Isa. 53:4; 7 - two contrasting afflictions
- d) Matt. 11:21-23 - two contrasting destinies

2. Events which changed the lives of thousands in a moment of time

- a) June 28th 1914, Archduke Fernando, in Sarajevo, was killed by an assassin's bullets.
 - i. A momentary act that issued in WW1, lasting 4 years and almost 10 million soldiers had died.
 - ii. A vicious act of hatred
- b) Dec 11th 1936, Edward VIII abdicated his throne out of love for Mrs. Simpson
 - i. It affected the history of British Royalty
 - ii. Will affect British history to the end of the kingdom.
- c) Similarities and contrasts
 - i. Similarities
 - (1) Both were effected in a moment; Both were non-reversible; Both affected history
 - ii. Contrasts
 - (1) One an act of spite and hatred, the other an act of love; One affected life and death, one affected position

3. Another event which:

- a) Changed the lives of millions
- b) It was an act of hatred
- c) Was an act of love
- d) That affects position
- e) But which goes beyond time into eternity; It affects each one in the meeting
 - i. That event is the work of Christ at Calvary

4. 18 hours from Gethsemane to the death of the Lord

- a. Gethsemane:
 - i. The pathos of Gethsemane
 - (1) His prayers
 - (a) How He spoke to God
 - (b) What He said
 - (c) The acceptance, but the dread of that which lay ahead
 - (d) The triple prayer, a 3 fold cord, His affirmation of acceptance of the cup
 - (2) His weeping
 - (3) His being distraught
 - ii. The other participants of Gethsemane
 - (1) The disciples had no appreciation of what He was facing
 - (2) The crowd cared nothing for what He was facing

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- (a) Looked for someone to take pity and found none
- (3) The angel
 - (a) Heaven appreciated
 - (b) Heaven cared
- iii. The pathetic picture
 - (1) Coming to the disciples and them asleep
 - (2) Waiting for the mob to come
- b. **The two deliverances**
 - i. Man delivered Him up to be crucified
 - ii. God delivered Him up for us all
- c. **The two afflictions**
 - i. By man
 - ii. By God
- d. **The two non-sparing**
 - i. 2 Pet. 2:4-5 - God spared not the angels, God spared not the old world
 - ii. Rom. 8 - God spared not His son
 - (1) The father in the bridge control and his son.
- e. **The two destinies**
 - i. Heaven or Hell

May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13

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