

## 4 PLANTS FOR PALM SUNDAY

I Plant # 1 – V \_\_\_\_\_

John 15:1-6 - I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

v.4 – “Abide in me.”

v.1 – “I am the true vine.”

[ ] Salvation?

[ ] Following Christ?

What does it mean to be IN CHRIST?

i. I \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 8:1

- Nobody can ever take away from the believer your:

E \_\_\_\_\_ destiny

E \_\_\_\_\_ into Heaven

ii. P \_\_\_\_\_ - Galatians 5:22-23

The Vinedresser (God the Father) carefully P \_\_\_\_\_ the branches to encourage healthy growth.

iii. I \_\_\_\_\_ v.6 – an unfruitful believer loses the joy of

F \_\_\_\_\_ and S \_\_\_\_\_.

II Plant # 2 – F \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 21:18-19 – In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. <sup>19</sup>And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once

- Jesus was showing His disciples the D \_\_\_\_\_ state of Israel, and of an

U \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

- Fig tree was a symbol of Israel, who had been graciously selected by God to be His Chosen People.

- Withered fruit tree = R \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

= R \_\_\_\_\_ of the only way of salvation.

III Plant # 3 – P \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

John 12:12-13 - **The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**

The waving of palm branches had become a national, if not nationalistic symbol that signaled the fervent hope that a messianic liberator was arriving in on the scene. John MacArthur

Hosanna – G \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

IV Plant # 4 – Plant with T \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:28-30 - **And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.**

How could R \_\_\_\_\_ joyfully turn quickly into R \_\_\_\_\_?

- U \_\_\_\_\_ expectations

- U \_\_\_\_\_ hearts

\* Jeremiah 17:9 – **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it**

\* Matthew 15:18-19 – **But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.**

- U \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes

**“At the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.”** Romans 5:6

**“Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.”** I Corinthians 5:7

And, sitting down, they watched Him there, the soldiers did;

There, while they played with dice, He made His sacrifice,

And died upon the Cross to rid God’s world of sin.

He was a gambler too, my Christ, He took His life and threw it for a world redeemed.

And ere His agony was done, before the westering sun went down,

Crowning that day with its crimson crown, He knew that He had won. Source Unknown