Eastridge Church Sermon Study Questions

John: As I Have Loved You

Palm Sunday - Week 1: Love Along the Cross

Road

Passage: John 1:1, 14, 19-34



## Re-read John 1:1, 14, 19-34

Pastor Dwain opened his sermon by emphasizing how John's gospel account is both simple and profound. John 1:1 and 1:14 are great examples of this truth. How do these verses in John come across as both simple and profound? Knowing that the "Word" John refers to is Jesus, what does these verse say and how do they change everything?

It was highlighted how larger sections of John are dedicated toward the cross and resurrection. The cross which puts on display God's deep love for us and the resurrection that shows us his power. Pastor Dwain stated that it is important for us to have the "cross and resurrection in our lives on a daily basis." What would it look like for us to do this?

One of the challenges we face as Christians are the questions that often swirl around Jesus. It is interesting to note that even during the events of the first Palm Sunday his own disciples didn't fully understand what was happening. **Read John 12:12-16**. What does this tell us about how God works to draw us to Him? How would it be different if Jesus had just shown up in power and provided bullet-point answers to the Pharisees concerns?

Finally, Pastor Dwain challenged all of us to read through John during this week that leads up to Easter. Commit to doing that this week and start tonight! Read through the first 3 chapters of John and ask Jesus to show you what he meant by "as I have loved you."

Close your time in prayer. Praise God for the incredible love that He put on display during the first Holy Week. Ask God to show you in fresh ways what that love really is this week as you read and meditate on John's gospel.