Sermon Notes: He Carried the Burden and Continued to Minister

Introduction: _____

Point 1: He Carried the Burden and Us with It (Luke 23:28)

Point 2: He Took the Stripes and Fulfilled the Law (Matt 27:24-26; 2Cor 11:24; Isa 53:5; 1Pet 2:24; Rom 8:1)

Point 3: He Was Dying, but Still Ministering (Lk 23:39-43)

Point 4: The Heart of the Gospel / Love in Action (Rom 5:8)

The Messenger

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The Lord's Day, March 29, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Rodney Dowell
Scripture Reading: Heath Reeves (Matthew 27:33-37)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Rusty Hanshaw
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(He Carried the Burden)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Kayla Stanton (Sub: Rhonda Denzio)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour:

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Welcome

Thank you for being with us today. We pray you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Recent Prayer Requests

The Boner & Lasiter families are mourning the passing of our sister, Sharon Lasiter. **Brittney** (Rodney Dowell's niece) has stage 4 breast cancer that has metastasized to her brain and spine. **Kathy Feldmeier** is recovering well after her recent appendectomy and was released from the hospital on Thursday. **Edie Short and her family** are grieving the passing of her brother Tom. **Justin Stanton and his family** are mourning the passing of his uncle, Lyle Stanton, who was found in the Big Blue River in Shelbyville last Sunday.

Long Term Concerns

Suzanne Bielski (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, has cancer and is undergoing chemo), **Gavin Brooks** (son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues), **Juanita Brunnemer** (shut-in), **Drew Burton's grandmother**, receiving immunotherapy for melanoma. **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, infusion therapy for bone cancer), **John & Debbie Collins** (Hewitt's uncle & aunt, John has stage 4 prostate & stomach cancer; Debbie is recovering from a broken tibia at the hip), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's), **Missy Downs** (Sonya Hewitt's cousin, stage 3 kidney disease), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (friend of Hagan's, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues), **Susan Hembree** (Della's sister-in-law, will need her abdomen drained periodically), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), **Keith Huesman** (recovering from auto accident), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass & kidney transplant list), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Pam Lasiter** (Lougene's daughter, ongoing health issues), **Alana Lockridge** (14yr old daughter of Nicole, friend of GayLee, residential hospital), **Lynn** (Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law's aunt, breast & spine cancer), **Clayton Marrott** (ongoing intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Bill Pennington**, (Hewitt's cousin, healing from bone infections in his feet), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Bruce Roberts** (Lyndsay Trostle's uncle, colon cancer - hospice), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, chemo), **Tim Scott** (Cindy Strope's brother, palsy), **Charles Speer** (friend of Ronnie & Angie, blood cancer and is receiving infusion treatments), **Gayle Stephens** (cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Barb Surber** (Dementia; Compass Park, Rm 1304), **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (lupus & kidney disease), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Eric Wiwczaroski** (looking for employment), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's), **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's)

Cleaning Crew – March 30-April 4 (Team 2)

Announcements

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

April 1st Barbara Hurst, Dan Strope
3rd Lyndsay Trostle
4th Angie Hewitt

Movie Night

Everyone is invited to join us here at the building on Friday, April 3rd at 7pm for our annual viewing of The Passion of the Christ. The doors will open at 6:30pm.

Easter & Encouragement Sunday

Next Sunday is Easter and Encouragement Sunday. This is an excellent opportunity to invite someone to join you for worship as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, as well as to write an encouraging note for someone who might be on your mind.

Schults-Lewis Commodity Drive

This year we are collecting the following items: Club, Oyster, and Cheez-it Crackers, Twin Bedsheet sets and Washcloth & Towel sets, along with your change cans. Pick-up will be during the week of May 3rd.

Gospel Meetings

The Morgan Street Church of Christ in Martinsville (540 Morgan St.) will be hosting their Spring Meeting on April 10-12th, with Brother Bill Boyd of the Rockliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. Their theme is "Sermons from the Book of Romans." There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board listing the times.

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ in Indianapolis will be hosting their Spring Gospel Meeting on April 12-16. Their theme is: Prophets and Kings, with guest speaker, A.J. Cox. There is a brochure on the bulletin board with the times and topics for each night.

Youth Event

A Spring Fling Event for all our kids has been planned for Saturday, April 18th, 1-4pm, here at the building. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the youth bulletin board soon. More details see Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $4,708.00

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: AM Bible Study (22); Worship (54); PM Bible Study (11)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, March 29	1Samuel 9-12
Monday, March 30	1Samuel 13-14
Tuesday, March 31	1Samuel 15-17
Wednesday, April 1	1Samuel 18-20
Thursday, April 2	1Samuel 21-24
Friday, April 3	1Samuel 25-27
Saturday, April 4	1Samuel 28-31

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The Triumphal Entry
Matthew 21:1-11

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a humble donkey, the city erupted with excitement. Coats were spread across the road, palm branches were cut and waved, an act of royal homage, and the crowds shouted words that still echo through the ages: "*Hosanna to the Son of David!*" This moment, often called the Triumphal Entry, was far more than a parade. It was a declaration.

Matthew tells us that the whole city was "stirred," asking, "*Who is this?*" That question remains the most important one any person can ask. The crowds answered, "*This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee*." Their answer was true, but incomplete. Jesus was not only a prophet, He was the promised King entering His city, fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy that Israel's King would come "*gentle and riding on a donkey.*" (Zech. 9:9).

The Triumphal Entry reveals three powerful truths:

1) Jesus Comes as the Humble King. He did not arrive on a warhorse but on a borrowed donkey. His kingdom is not built by force, but by sacrifice. His victory would not come through a sword, but through a cross.

2) Jesus Deserves Our Highest Praise. The crowds cried "Hosanna," the Greek term for the Hebrew word "Hoshí a na" meaning "Save us, we pray." Whether they fully understood it or not, they were speaking the truth: Jesus is the only One who can save. Over time, its meaning evolved from a plea for salvation ("Save us, we pray") to a joyful declaration of salvation and deliverance (Salvation! Thank You!). We see an example of this in Psalm 118:25-26, "*Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! [26] Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.*" As you can see, with v.26, there is a shift from concern to confidence. This is a great example and demonstration of the people's faith in God and the One that came in His name. Hosanna exemplifies man's transition from pleading with God for action, to thanking Him for the action taken. It shows the true impact of Jesus' act at Calvary.

3) Jesus Still Confronts the Heart With a Question. The city asked, "Who is this?" Every generation must answer the same. Is He merely a good teacher? A moral example? Or is He the Son of God, the rightful King, the Savior who came to rescue us?

Unfortunately, the praise the people lavished on Jesus was not because they recognized Him as their Savior from sin. They welcomed Him out of their desire for a physical deliverer, someone who would lead them in a revolt against Rome. There were many who, though they did not believe in Christ as Savior, nevertheless hoped that perhaps He would be to them a great temporal deliverer. These are the ones who hailed Him as King with their many hosannas, recognizing Him as the Son of David who came in the name of the Lord. However, when He failed in their expectations, when He refused to lead them in a massive revolt against the Roman occupiers, the crowds quickly turned on Him. Within just a few days, their hosannas would change to cries of "*Crucify Him!*" (Luke 23:20-21). The city that hailed Him as a hero would soon reject and abandon Him.

As we reflect on what Jesus has done, may we not simply wave branches from a distance, but lay down our lives before Him, welcome Him as King, and join the chorus of those who gladly proclaim: "*Hosanna in the highest!*"

Ronnie Hewitt