This abbreviated *Visitor Guide* is designed for visitors to experience the heart of Balboa Park in a suggested leisurely 60 minute walk. All points of interest are FREE. You can start anywhere on the *red* dotted line and go at your own pace.

Just a few of the many sights are: the spectacular Rose Gardens, Giant Fig tree, Botanical Building and Lily Pond, the free Timken Museum of Art, an amazing view of downtown San Diego from the Cabrillo Bridge, the Palm Garden and the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.

We are delighted you chose to visit our 1200 acre Park along with its 15 major museums and, of course, the world famous San Diego Zoo.

We are also including a brief overview of the Christian message in this brochure.

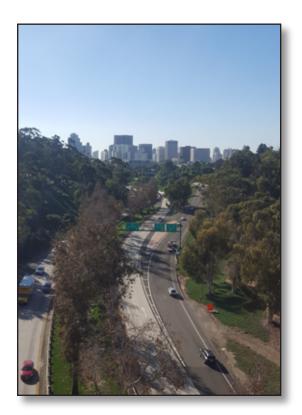


HISTORY

Balboa Park is America's largest urban cultural park and displays stunning architecture and landscaping. This timeless display of beauty is the legacy of two Expositions:

The 1915-16 Panama-California Exposition shaped much of the Spanish-Renaissance style buildings located on the El Prado pedestrian walkway through the center of the park.

20 years later another renovation took place for *The 1935 California Pacific International Exposition* held to help boost the economy during the depression.



View of downtown San Diego from the Cabrillo Bridge in Balboa Park.

The Christian Message: the Gospel

To rightly understand the Gospel or *Good News*, we must properly respond to the bad news and its seriousness. The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die then the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27), and that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "There are none righteous, not even one" (Romans 3:10-12). All deserve the righteous justice of God in an eternal Hell.

But God in his kindness and grace has demonstrated His love by providing a "substitute." God Himself would take the punishment through the person and work of Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man comes to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). He would obey the law perfectly and then be crucified on a cross. Jesus would suffer, shed His blood, die, and then rise from the dead to atone for the sins of those who will place their faith in Him (Matt. 1:21 and I Cor. 15:1-4). Jesus was a substitute for sinners. He bore their sins and they receive His righteousness (Isaiah 53:5 and II Cor. 5:21). The just for the unjust (I Peter 3:18). God commands that we REPENT (Luke 13:3) and by FAITH receive Jesus as Savior and Lord (Eph. 2:8-10). Salvation is all "the gift of God."

The Invitation of Jesus:

"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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