**4/2/23 Palm Sunday Without Actions, Faith is Useless! James 2:15-26**

* Four types of faith are on display as Jesus makes His triumphant entry into Jerusalem: hoping faith, acting faith, validating faith and sharing faith.
* The faith and works that James talks about also parallels to different types of faith.

**Mark 11:1-11**

**1. Faith and action must join together!**

* James illustrates his point by comparing faith without works to words of compassion without acts of compassion.
* James makes it clear that faith that doesn't show itself by works is no faith at all. It is dead and useless.
* James is trying to show the contrast between two kinds of faith.
* Jesus tells “the woman with the issue of blood” thy faith hath made thee whole.

**James 2:15-18; Mark 5:34; Ephesians 2:8-9**

**2. Just believing is not enough!**

* James asked the question that we all must answer individually. Do you still think it's enough just to believe that there is one God?
* The Gadarene Demoniac believed that Jesus was the Son of the Most High God and begged Him not to torture him.
* Nonbelievers will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb.
* James emphasizes faith without works is dead!

**James 2:19-20; Luke 8:28; Revelation 14:9-11**

**3. We should remember God’s Faith Hall of Fame.**

* James gives two contrasting life style examples of the Old Testament figures Abraham and Rehab. Belief was demonstrated by what they did.
* Abraham was willing to do whatever God told him to do.
* Rehab was made right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road.

**James 2:21-26; Genesis 15:1-7; John 15:14; Matthew 7:20-23**