

“How Quickly Things Change”

Mark 11: 1-10; 15:12-14

Tuesday Bible Lunch

March 13, 2018

Introduction: It is almost unbelievable how quickly things can change. This happened to Jon and me as recently as yesterday. We left Gatlinburg, Tennessee at noon for the Knoxville airport in a heavy snow. At times I was not sure we would not find the road iced over. About twenty minutes from the airport there was no snow, the sun was shining, and it was like we were in another world.

On Sunday, February 18, I preached at the First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs, Texas. The day there was a “mountain-top” experience for Dottie and for me. We saw people that we had not seen in twenty-eight years. On Monday we drove to Dallas Texas to attend a Baptist meeting that afternoon and evening that would conclude at noon on Tuesday. On Tuesday Morning, I was in the meeting and Dottie was in the hotel room where she had planned to study and read her Bible. Joel texted me while I was in the meeting. What I read on the text quickly changed things. (To hear the story, listen to the church web page www.fbp.org).

It is almost unbelievable how quickly things can change. On Wednesday, February 28, Dottie, Jon, Joel, Joel Jr. and I were in Atlanta, Georgia for Dottie’s brother’s funeral. Two hours before the funeral, Joel and Joel Jr. walked into our hotel room to tell us that Jodi had been involved in a serious car accident. (To hear the story, listen to the church web page www.fbp.org).

We live in a world of change. We see it in life and we also see it in the Bible. On Palm Sunday the crowd was so excited about Jesus. Jesus rode down the Palm Sunday little road like a hero ((Matthew 21:1-9). Five days later the same crowd was saying crucify Him (Mark 15:12-14). In life, we often go from mountain tip times to valleys times. Things can change so quickly. The good news is that some things never change.

1. One thing that never changes is God. God never changes.

“I am the LORD, I do not change” (Malachi 3:6).

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

God is consistent. He is not one way today and another way tomorrow. He is never in a bad mood. One of the things I love most about God is that He is consistent.

Illustration: The Knoxville newspaper had an article about what the men’s basketball players had to say about their coach Rick Barnes. (To hear the story, listen to the message on the church web page www.fbp.org).

Application: Read “Heaven’s Newspaper”—the Bible and you read about a God who is consistent.

T.S. This leads to a second thing that never changes.

2. God's Word never changes.

"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

"Forever, O LORD, Your Word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89).

"The entirety of Your Word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever" (Psalm 119:160).

Conclusion: There is a "change" coming that will be a good change. And a quick change. The Bible tells us about it in 1 Corinthians 15:50-53. Knowing what is coming gives us confidence in the world of change that we live.