

## Passion Week

*I'll See You on the Other Side*

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**Thread:** I'll see you on the other side.

### Jesus defined what HIS Church would look like.

*"When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. 'It is written,' he said to them, 'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" Luke 19:45 – 46 NIV*

- Picture the scene...
- Visiting the Temple was meant to help someone think more deeply about God.

*The Church needs a renewal of purpose every time it strays from its purpose.*

### Jesus would challenge us to HOLD nothing back.

*"As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 'Truly I tell you,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'" Luke 21:1 – 4 NIV*

- The coin she willingly gave revealed her true heart.
- It's all about what the coin represents; she held nothing back.

*Are you holding back your best?*

### Jesus would challenge WHO is actually in control.

*"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:25 – 28 NIV*

- This is hope for people living with these headlines.
- 2 stories: Humanity's and God's.
- What looks inevitable won't be—*I'm coming back!*
- The context of these 2 stories is an eternal timeline.

- God's story reveals that ETERNITY will prove to be the greatest percentage of our story.

*Jesus is in control—live accordingly.*

### Jesus defines what GREATNESS in the Kingdom of God is.

*"Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.'" Luke 22:25 – 27 NIV*

- Serve my Kingdom's purposes.
- Serve one another.
- When you do, you serve me.

*Don't get distracted. Serve the needs of those around you.*

### Challenge:

- Do you, as His Church, need a renewal of purpose?
- Are you holding back your best?
- Jesus is in control of the story—are you living accordingly?
- Are you so distracted by life and headlines that you have forgotten to serve?

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