

# Welcome to 10.30am service at St Mark's

## First Sunday in Lent

*If you only knew  
today what is  
needed for  
Peace!*

Luke 19:42



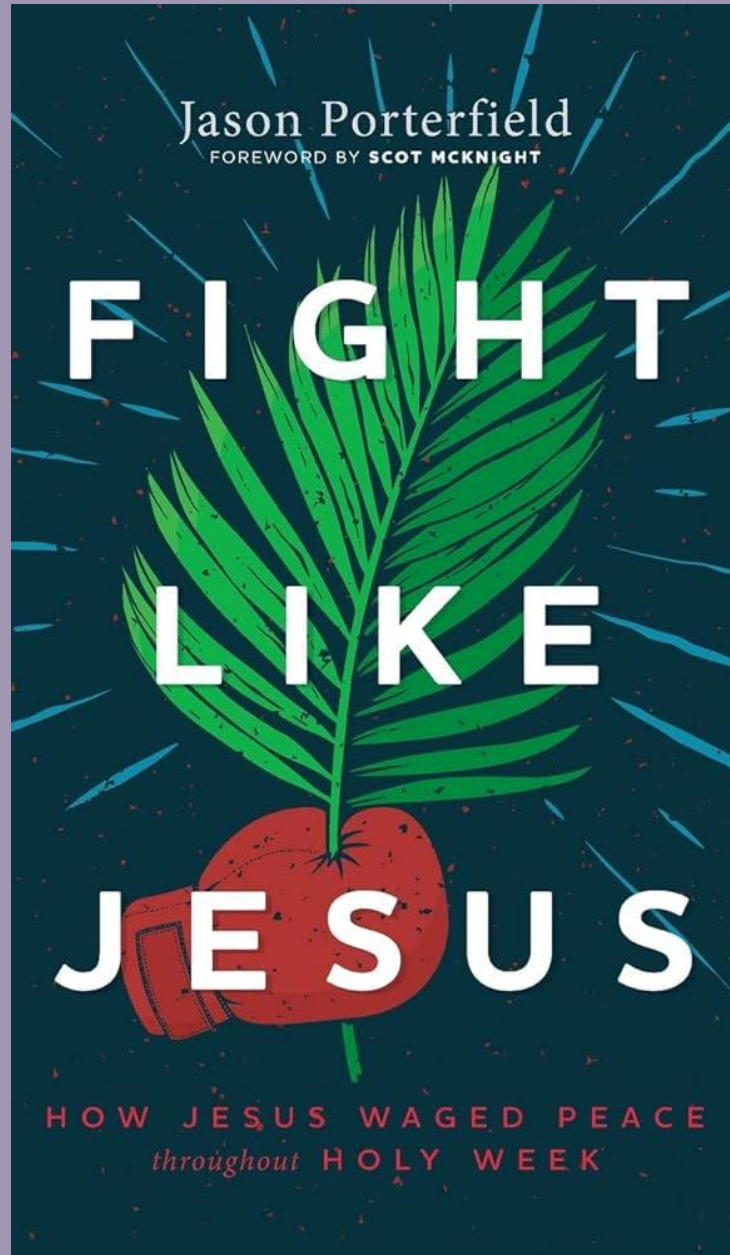
# Sermon

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# We Seek Meaning



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**Luke 19:28-44 (GNT)**

**29 As (Jesus) came near Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead 30 with these instructions:**

**“Go to the village there ahead of you; as you go in, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden.**

**Untie it and bring it here.**

**35 ... they took the colt to Jesus. Then they threw their cloaks over the animal and helped Jesus get on.**

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**36 As he rode on, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37 ... the large crowd of his disciples began to thank God and praise him in loud voices for all the great things that they had seen: 38 “God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God!”**

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**Luke 19:28-44 (GNT)**

**39 Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. “Teacher,” they said, “command your disciples to be quiet!”**

**40 Jesus answered, “I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting.”**

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# We Seek Meaning

Zechariah 9:9-10 (NIV)

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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**43 The time will come when your enemies will surround you with barricades, blockade you, and close in on you from every side.**

**44 They will completely destroy you and the people within your walls; not a single stone will they leave in its place, because you did not recognize the time when God came to save you!”**

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## Use of “peace” (NIV)

Old Testament	156
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Numbers 6:22-26 (NIV)

22 The Lord said to Moses, 23 “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them,

24 “The Lord bless you and keep you;  
25 the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
26 the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.””

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Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

6 For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given, and  
the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and  
peace there will be no end.

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Isaiah 48:22 (NIV)

“There is no peace,”  
says the Lord,  
“for the wicked.”

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## Isaiah 53 (NIV)

1 Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord  
been revealed?

5 But he was pierced  
for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace  
was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

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Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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# We Seek Meaning

## Use of “peace” (NIV)

Jesus said ... ,

“Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid.”

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Use of “peace” (NIV)

Jesus said ... ,  
“Your faith has saved you;  
go in peace.”

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Most common phrase in the Bible:

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## Australian Statistics

More than two in five Australians (42.9%) aged 16–85 years have experienced a mental disorder in their lifetime, with one in five Australians (21.5%) experiencing a mental disorder in the previous 12 months.

National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing, 2020-2022  
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Anxiety was the most common group of mental disorders in 2020–2022.

More than one in six Australians (17.2%) had an anxiety disorder such as social phobia or post-traumatic stress disorder in the previous 12 months.

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7.5% of people had an affective disorder such as depression, while 3.3% had a substance use disorder.

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Data also showed that around 1.1 million (38.8%) young adults aged 16–24 years experienced a mental disorder in the previous 12 months.

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Almost half of young females (45.5%) and one third of young males (32.4%) aged 16–24 years had a mental disorder in this period, with anxiety disorders being the most common.

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Nearly three in five people (58.7%) who identified as gay, lesbian, or bisexual, or who used a different term to describe their sexual orientation, had a mental disorder in the previous 12 months.

One in five people (19.9%) who identified as heterosexual had a mental disorder in the same period.

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2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

14 if my people,  
who are called by my name,  
will humble themselves and pray  
and seek my face  
and turn from their wicked ways,  
then I will hear from heaven,  
and I will forgive their sin  
and will heal their land.

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