

Dear all,

The Study Service topic for Sunday at 7pm is PALM SUNDAY: THE KING IN SOVEREIGN CONTROL. It will be based on selected readings from TF Torrance:

“There can be no doubt about it that Jesus deliberately forced the issue. At last when the time drew near he marched straight upon Jerusalem and threw everything into the crisis, pressing the nation to come to an ultimate decision, pressing the people to the supreme point when as a whole people they would take a decision in the solidarity of their sin in resistance against the revealed grace of God. That was the Christ who came not to bring peace but a sword, who came to cast fire upon the earth. And so Jesus kept pressing hard upon the people, deliberately provoking evil to its final and complete reaction and then set himself to deal with it by the finger of God, in holy love. It was an act of aggression on his part for which he had long prepared. He invaded the realm of the strong man in order to bind him, invaded by suffering and by love, in order to bind him by atonement. The cross was the culminating point of the struggle when he touched people at the very roots of their being, at the point where sin was most deeply entrenched, and did the tremendous deed that reversed all things.” (*Incarnation: the person and life of Christ*, page 155).

Torrance provides a penetrating insight into the dynamic of Holy Week & the mission of Jesus, so dramatically completed on the cross in his “It is finished” and his committal of himself (and us with him) in prayer to his Father. Three days later, the victory of Jesus is revealed in his bodily resurrection, the astounding beginning in him of the new creation.

Preparatory & follow-up reading: TF Torrance, *Incarnation: the person and life of Christ*, pages 138-40 and 150-59.

Readings: John 12.27-32; 17.1-5; 19.28-30; 20.19-21

7-8.30 pm by Zoom meet - details on request (see Greyfriars Kirk website for more information & some edited transcripts)
Best wishes - Bob