**SERMON SHEET 4/2/23**

**Palm Sunday**

**“Proper Responses to the Atonement of Christ”**

**Text: Luke 23:39-43**

I. Introductory thoughts

II. The historical magnitude of this week

III. The theological emphasis of the New Testament

IV. The Christological foreshadowing of the Old Testament

V. The soteriological actions of Christ’s death

1. Substitution
2. Propitiation

VI. The essential responses to the crucified Christ

1. Fear of God.
2. Confession of sin.
3. Recognition of deserved punishment.
4. Acknowledgment of the perfection of Jesus.
5. Acknowledgment that Jesus is King.
6. Calling on the Lord.

VII. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Charles Spurgeon:

*And often, in coming down to this pulpit, have I felt my knees knock together – not that I am afraid of any one of my hearers, but I am thinking about that account which I must render to God, whether I speak His Word faithfully or not… O, God, grant that we may all realize that this is a matter of most serious concern.*

2. John Stott:

*What dominated Christ’s mind was not the living of His life but the giving of His life.*

3. R. B. Kuiper:

* *A criminal finds himself in prison, locked up in his cell. A visiting friend calls out to him, “I have good news for you.” With eager expectation, the prisoner demands, “What is it? Out with it!” The answer comes: “Be good.”*
* *Good news for the sinner is that provision has been made for his release from sin and hell*.

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Luke 19:28-44**
* **Ezek. 2:7**
* **1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14; Rom. 6:3-4**
* **Matt. 28:18-20**
* **John 10:11; Mark 10:45; Mark 10:32-45**
* **Ex. 12; Lev. 16:7-10**
* **1 John 1:9; Rom. 10:9, 13**