

D. “It is Written” in Mark’s Gospel

1. Mark 1.2: As **it is written** in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
2. Mark 7.6: Jesus said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as **it is written**, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;
3. Mark 9.12: [Jesus said to his disciples] How is it **written** about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt?
4. Mark 9.13: Jesus said, “I tell you that Elijah (John the Baptist) has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as **it is written** about him.”
5. Mark 14.21: [Jesus said to his disciples] “For the Son of Man goes as **it is written** of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”
6. Mark 14.27: Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for **it is written**, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’
7. **Mark 11.17**: He was teaching and saying, “**Is it not written**, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

E. Books of the Old Testament Most Quoted in the New Testament

Psalms (79 quotations, 333 allusions),

e.g., **Psalm 110:1** (A “Lord,” who sits at the side of God)

The Lord says to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Isaiah (66 quotations, 348 allusions)

e.g., **Isaiah 53:3-6, 9, 12** (A “servant” who suffers)

³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹² yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for transgressors.

NOMINATIONS NPC FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING TEAM

WHAT’S THE TASK?

1. Develop a Master Plan for the facilities of National Presbyterian Church that will help achieve the goals of Strategic Plan 2014.
2. Present progress to the Session on a regular basis.
3. Present the plan for approval and implementation to the Session and Congregation by May 2016.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Size: A team of 7-10 persons appointed by the Session.

Accountability: Accountable to the Congregation through the Session.

Needed Skills and Qualifications: A broad variety of skills will be of value on the team, to include, but not limited to:

architecture; engineering; environmental planning; interior design; construction; property development; understanding of NPC program needs, members, and heritage, etc.

A passion to work together with others (e.g., Congregation, Facilities Council, and Staff) within a unified team is essential.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL:

1. Meetings.
 - a. The team will be expected to meet as frequently as necessary to accomplish the goal within the stated time (possibly twice per month for the next year).
 - b. Engagement with the congregation at key points is also expected.
2. Initial Assessments.
 - a. The team will review the Strategic Plan 2014 and assess implications for the NPC facilities.
 - b. The team will conduct a comprehensive assessment of existing facility benefits and deficiencies relative to the direction of the church outlined in Strategic Plan 2014.

- 3. Revenue Enhancement.
The team needs to include an assessment of the capacity and opportunities of the entire church property to provide new net revenue for support of NPC’s mission.
- 4. Recommendations.
The team will make specific recommendations to Session to include, but not limited to: *facility repairs, renovations, upgrades and additions, including proposed implementation phasing and approximate costs.*
- 5. Professional Assistance.
Session understands that the team may need to utilize professional assistance in order to make substantive recommendations that can be implemented effectively by the congregation.

NOMINATION FORM

Nominations may also be made online at: www.nationalpres.org/nominate

I would like to Nominate: _____

Qualifications and Comments

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

For Further Information: Contact Bryce Pippert, Chair, Implementation Assistance Team, at facilitiesMPT@nationalpres.org

Sermon Notes
“Is It Not Written?”
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Mark 11:1-10, 15-19

A. Jesus’s Palm Sunday Path: Foretold in the Old Testament

Zechariah 9:9 (Donkey, kingship)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Psalm 118:22, 25-27 (“Hosanna!”, branches)

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
²⁵**Hosanna!** (= “*Save us, we beseech you*”), **O Lord!**
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**
²⁷ **Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

B. Jesus’ Action on the Day After Plam Sunday

Mark 11:17 (Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 7:11)

He was teaching and saying, ***“Is it not written,***
‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?’ (Is. 56:7)
But you have made it a den of robbers.” (Jer. 7:11);

C. The Old Testament in the New Testament

According to the Old Testament, the Messiah (= “Christ”) would . . .

1. Be born of a woman, a virgin;
2. Be born in Bethlehem;
3. Be called Immanuel, God’s Son;
4. Spend some time in Egypt;
5. Be from Nazareth, settle in the region of Galilee;
6. Be connected to a massacre of children that would happen;
7. Be preceded by a messenger would prepare his way;
8. Be preceded by Elijah;
9. Find his “position description” in Scripture;
10. Be a servant;
11. Ride on a donkey;
12. Have friends who would desert him;
13. Suffer and Die for others;
14. Buried in a rich man’s tomb and be resurrected from the dead.

In our four Gospel accounts of Jesus, many of his actions come as fulfillment of Old Testament Scripture. Sometimes Scripture is quoted with no introduction. Often, however, the Scriptures are introduced with “*this happened to fulfill what was spoken by the prophets*” (x 11) or “*It is written*” (x 51)