

Sermon Structure & Preparation

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Aim & Outcome

The aim of this presentation is to enable the lay preacher to understand:

- The reason for having a clear sermon structure
- The five key parts of a sermon
- Elements of Sermon Preparation

As an outcome of this presentation the candidate will be able to take a Bible story and divide it into its key parts, understand the function of each part and how it contributes to the message of the sermon, to produce a sermon outline structure

Sermon Preparation



What Is Structure?

Ezekiel 37:5-6 NKJV

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD."

When I drive to Reading, I take the following route:

Start from Home

Take A404 to Maidenhead

Take M4 to Bracknell

Take A329 to Reading

Arrive in Reading

The Introduction



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The Problem



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The Solution



The Outcome



The Application



Time-line For Sermons

Ten parts of sermon, if you plan 2 minutes for each part you will have a 20 minutes sermon.

Introduction - 2 minutes

Problem - 6 minutes

Solution - 3 minutes

Outcome - 1 minutes

Application - 4 minutes

Challenge - 1 minutes

Sermon Preparation: Step 1 & 2



John 12:12 Jesus enters Jerusalem

Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

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Sermon Preparation: Step 3



Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

Optimistic, inspired, grateful, blessed

For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. Hopeful, longing, expectant

The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!" Aggressive, spiteful, hostile

Sermon Preparation: Step 4



And
But
So...

Sermon Preparation: Step 5



3 points supporting 1 message.

Sermon Preparation: Step 6

What!
So What?
Now What?



Sermon Preparation: Finally



Illustration by Christian Art for the World

Christ delighted in the earnest desire of Mary to do the will of her Lord. He accepted the wealth of pure affection which His disciples did not, would not, understand.

The desire that Mary had to do this service for her Lord was of more value to Christ than all the precious ointment in the world, because it expressed her appreciation of the world's Redeemer.

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