

Palm Sunday—April 5, 2020

Community:

As you begin your sermon discussion time, consider reaching out to someone you haven't discussed with and inviting them to join you! Consider using the phone, Zoom, FaceTime, Marco Polo or whatever virtual technology you may already be tapping into to engage them in discussion. Think about those near and those far away. Who is the Lord asking you to invite in this week?

Remember, it's the quality of our shared life together—how well we love each other and show each other hospitality—that the world can either see as a great testimony to the Gospel and who Jesus really is or as a reason to not want to be part of the Kingdom. So...

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

Sermon Discussion Questions: Humbled in the Turning—Palm Sunday

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Imagine the scene of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem in John 12. What would this experience have been like for the crowds? For the disciples & family of Jesus? For Jesus?

What qualities of King Jesus do you see demonstrated in this Passion Week? (see also Mark 14 & Matthew 21)

Jesus says in John 12:23 that "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified," and then cries out "Father, glorify your name!" in vs. 28. How is God glorified in this Palm Sunday story? How is God glorified in the grisly unfolding events of this Holy Week?

For what situations and for which people in your life do you feel compelled to cry out "Hosanna!" ("Save, we pray!"). Spend some time praying for the rescue God brings.

How can you join in the exuberant and lavish worship of King Jesus this week?