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*“But even now,” declares the Lord, “return to Me with all your heart—with fasting, crying, and mourning.” Tear your hearts, not your clothes. Return to the Lord your God. He is merciful and compassionate, patient, and always ready to forgive and to change His plans about disaster. Joel 2:12-13 (God’s Word)*

Why Lent? What is Lent? Lent is the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays. If you count Sundays, Lent begins 46 days before Easter.) Lent is a time to think about our sin, how much we need a Savior, and how Jesus did everything to save us, even taking our sin and dying on a cross for us. We should always do this throughout the year, but in Lent we put special emphasis on repentance and trusting in Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.

Repentance is not a popular idea in our culture. More and more, we see people today proudly announcing their sins. If you try to tell someone that they are sinning, they will call you names and say terrible things about you. The message is that you should accept their sin and even support them in their sin! No, the people of this world are not interested in repentance.

Honestly, repentance can be pretty hard for us, too. Admit that I’m wrong? If I admit I’m wrong, then someone else might take advantage of that. They’ll make fun of me, or make me pay for what I did, or hold a grudge against me. If I admit my fault, then I look bad. No one wants to do that. Plus if I admit I did wrong, that means I need to change my ways. No, repentance is not easy.

But God calls us to seriously repent. “Return to Me with all your heart – with fasting, crying, and mourning. Tear your hearts, not your clothes.” God wants us, and He leads us, to see our sin, to see that it leads us to death and judgment, and to turn to Him in sorrow over our sin and trust in Him for forgiveness.

If we ignore our sin, then we will also ignore our Savior. “But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just (He does what is right) and will forgive our sins and make us clean from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

The world denies sin and wants to continue sinning. We know we break God’s law but are often afraid to admit it. God tells us there is a great blessing in repentance. He is full of patience, love, mercy and forgiveness. This Lent, remember that repentance is a way of life all year, because repentance is truly admitting we are sinners and that Christ gives us the most wonderful blessing of forgiveness and life.

Pastor Eckert

# Dive Into God's Word

## **Palm Sunday** – *What does it mean?*

We all know about Palm Sunday. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. People shouted praises to God and they waved palm branches to honor Jesus. Why did Jesus do this? What does this mean about Jesus? We don't make up the answers; we go to the Bible to see what God says about Jesus and Palm Sunday. *Answers are on p. 4*

### God Promised a King Like David

God gave people in the Old Testament who were examples of who Jesus would be and what He would do.

- Adam was the first man, and his sin brought death to everyone. Jesus was the perfect man who died to bring life to everyone.
- Moses was the greatest prophet in the Old Testament and was God's representative on earth. Jesus was the perfect and greatest prophet in the Bible and was God Himself on earth.
- King David was the greatest king of Israel in the Old Testament. Jesus was the Son of David and He is the true King over all of God's people.

What did God tell the people in the Old Testament about the King that was coming?

1. Read 2 Samuel 7:5, 12-16. The future great king will be from whose family?
2. Read 2 Sam. 7:12-16 again, and also Psalm 89:3-4. A new King will come. How long will His throne and kingdom continue?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. This talks about the new King who will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom. What is His name (vs. 6)?
4. How will He reign (vs. 7)?
5. Read Jeremiah 23:5-6. This also talks about how the new King will reign. What will He do for Judah and Israel?
6. What is His name?
7. Read Zechariah 9:9. The King, the Son of David, will be a great King. But how will He come to Jerusalem (Zion)?

### Jesus, the Promised King

1. Read Matthew 1:1. Matthew says right away who Jesus was. Jesus was in whose family? How is that important?
2. Read Matthew 2:1-2. Who were some of the first people to recognize and honor Jesus as King?
3. Read Matthew 21:1-11. How did Jesus come into Jerusalem? Did He do what the Bible said He would do?
4. What did people call Jesus in 21:9? What did they say about Jesus?
5. Read John 18:33-37. What kind of King is Jesus? Where is His kingdom?
6. Read Matthew 27:27-31. What did the soldiers do to Jesus?
7. Read John 19:19. What did the sign on the cross say?
8. What does that say about what kind of King we have?

### What Does This Mean?

1. So what does all this mean about Palm Sunday and Jesus riding into Jerusalem? Is Palm Sunday about a great and victorious King riding into Jerusalem to reign over His people? Or is Palm Sunday about a humble King coming to serve His people?



**Congratulations** to James Fowler on his confirmation! Last year, James began attending interpreted services at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Milan, Illinois. Pastor Eckert taught sign language classes at the church and also helped his pastor teach confirmation. James was confirmed and became a member at St. Matthew's on Feb. 4.

## Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Thank God for His awesome work of sending His Son, Jesus, to suffer, die and rise alive again for us. Without that, we would have no life. But because of His work, He gives salvation to everyone who trusts in Jesus. Thank Him for that gift!
- ✦ Continue to pray for Ukraine and an end to the war there.
- ✦ Thank God for giving rain and snow to California. Pray that they won't have trouble with flooding, and ask God to give rain to the other places that are still very dry.
- ✦ Pray for our nation, as people continue to rebel against God and His ways. Ask God to lead people to true repentance and faith.
- ✦ Ask God to bless people with trust and health: Mollie Schmitz, Doris Harris, Shirley Green, Susan Green, Barbara Zimmerman, Norma Jean Mangrich, James Weber, Jerry Hanson, Curtis Bethurum, Kathy Anderson, Gerald Mitchell, Arlene Ritze, Chris Wrage, Ricky Moore, Sharon Pope, Paula Slavin, Jeanette Kern, and many family members and friends.
- ✦ Pray for people who are studying to serve God and His church: Vince Mroz, Dan Wallis, and Pastor Luvisha in Kenya (as pastors), and Becky Jungklaus, Nola Gray, and Peggy Gott (as deaconesses).
- ✦ Pray for the church in Kenya, that God will protect and bless them. Pray for rain, as northern Kenya is in severe drought and some places have not had any rain for 3 years. Thank God that Pastor Luvisha has been able to continue his studies.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



## March

- 3 Zakary Anderson
- 14 Shirley Green
- 21 Theresa Legg  
Mikalah Anderson
- 23 Susan Eckert  
Vicki Hoover
- 24 Conor Huffman
- 26 Jeanette Kern
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- 4 Kim Brenneman
- 10 Joseph Anderson
- 12 David Kern
- 16 Norma Jean Mangrich
- 28 Rachel Eckert

## Answers to Dive Into God's Word, p. 2.

### God Promised a King Like David

1. The King will be from David's family. God said one of David's offspring (or sons, or descendants) will reign. Offspring or son or descendant can mean one of David's sons, or it can mean someone in David's family many generations later. (Jesus was many generations later.)
2. The new King's throne and kingdom will continue forever. Psalm 89 says it will continue for all generations.
3. The King's name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
4. He will reign with justice and righteousness forever. That means He will always do what is good and right for His people.
5. He will save Judah and Israel will live in safety. That is what Jesus did – He saved His people.
6. His name is, "The Lord is our righteousness."
7. Zechariah said the King will come humbly. He will not be riding a great war horse to go and fight battles. He will be humble and come to Jerusalem riding a donkey. (Daughter of Zion means the people of Jerusalem.)

### Jesus the Promised King

1. Matthew said Jesus Christ is "the son of David, the son of Abraham." God promised Abraham that He will bless all people on earth through one of his descendants (family members). Jesus did that. God promised David that He will make one of David's descendants a King who will reign over David's kingdom. Matthew calls Jesus "the son of David" because Jesus is that King.
2. The wise men were some of the first people to honor Jesus as King of the Jews.
3. Zechariah 9:9 said the King will be humble and ride a donkey into Jerusalem. Jesus did that.
4. People shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" They called Jesus the Son of David, which meant they knew He was the new King that God sent. "Hosanna" was a word to praise God and it also meant "Save us!" The people were praising God and Jesus and celebrating that God sent their King and Savior.
5. Jesus is King, but not the same as kings on earth. Kings on earth own land. They have citizens who live in their kingdom. They have soldiers who fight to protect the kingdom. Jesus is the King over God's people. Jesus told Pilate that He is the King who came to announce and show the truth (God's truth about salvation in Jesus).
6. The soldiers mocked Jesus and abused Him. They dressed Him up like a king with a crown of thorns and hit Him.
7. The sign on the cross said, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."
8. Jesus is our King who died for us. He didn't come as a great and powerful King, but as a humble King to save us.

### What Does This Mean?

1. Jesus rode into Jerusalem as King. The people praised Him and celebrated like Jesus was a great and powerful King. But Jesus truly rode into Jerusalem to serve us. He came to suffer and die. His crown was a crown of thorns. His throne was a cross. Palm Sunday is a day to thank Jesus for coming as our King to save us and to prepare for His suffering and death on Good Friday.

# March 2023

			<b>1</b>  7:00 WL – Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
<b>5</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Bible Study
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BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship at 3:00 p.m.  
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 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday study at 7:00 p.m.  
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Study at 1:00 p.m.

# April 2023

						<b>1</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
<b>2</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7:00 WL – Worship	<b>6</b>  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Good Friday</b> 3:00 QC – Worship 7:00 CR – Worship	<b>8</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study 1:00 DU – Bible Study
<b>9</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Christ Is Risen!</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7:00 WL – Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
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<b>23/30</b> No worship on 23 <sup>rd</sup> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study

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# Palm Sunday

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The really big days of Holy Week are Good Friday and Easter Sunday, when Jesus died and rose alive again for us. Holy Thursday is also very important because that is when Jesus gave the Lord's Supper and then later that night, the Jews arrested Him and He began His suffering for us. What is special about Palm Sunday? On that day, we see Jesus coming into Jerusalem as the King. Not as a King to reign over people and force them to do what He wants. He came as a King humble and ready to die for the world. The words of the puzzle are from Luke 19:35-40.

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Then the disciples brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their coats on the young donkey and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their coats on the road.

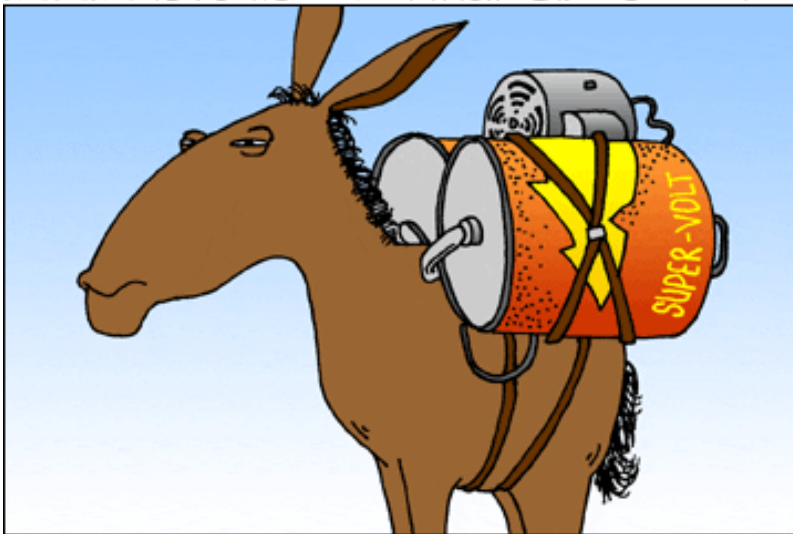
Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives. There the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God with joy. In loud voices they praised him for all the miracles they had seen. They shouted,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Psalm 118:26)  
“May there be peace and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. “Teacher,” they said, “tell your disciples to stop!”

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”.

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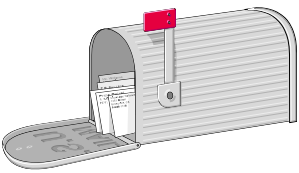


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