



"WEEK #6 – The Coronation of Jesus"

Preached: March 24, 2024
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Series: "Come and See" – Lent 2024
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

INTRODUCTION

I am so glad that your Growth Group has made this journey through Lent. This will be the last set of Growth Group Questions for this Lenten series. If you have any feedback about this series or the Growth Group questions, please reach out the Pastor Keenan with feedback.

Now, if you are a group that was meeting before, I hope and pray that you will continue to meet. If you are a new group, you may want to have a conversation with your group about what your future might look like. If you would like to continue to meet, we pray that your time together will yield fruit as you meet. If you are unsure of what you want to study next together, you are welcome to reach out to Kristen Todd (Discipleship Elder) or Pastor Keenan, and we can suggest some directions you might want to head in.

Finally, as you enter into Holy Week, know that there are a few activities that take place this week that can be helpful to fully experience all that Jesus wants you to experience in preparation for Easter.

Palm Sunday – March 24 – 9:00 am

Come and celebrate with us the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. A Sunday service where we can hear lots of music, see the waving palm branches of our Children's Ministry and celebrate the life of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday – Thursday March 28 – 7:00pm

A reflective worship experience where we walk through the last night of the life of Jesus. Interactive and experiential. All are welcome.

Good Friday Hike – Friday March 29 – 9:00am

We will meet at MPC and arrive to hike to the Simi Cross together (weather permitting & if Keenan's back is feeling better), spend time at the cross at the top in reflection and hike down the mountain together.

Easter Sunday – March 31 – 9:00am – ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

And Lent comes to a glorious close with our Easter Celebration. One service – with the whole church together. After the service will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Begin to pray about people in your neighborhood who might want to join you for church on this Sunday.

SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

1. If you could be the King or Queen of something or somewhere, what would you choose?
2. How do you view Palm Sunday? What experiences do you connect to the day and what emotions do you feel as you look down the road through Holy Week to the final destination of Easter Sunday?
3. Jesus tells two disciples to go and make the arrangements for his entry into Jerusalem. What do you think the conversation between the two disciples would sound like on the way to getting the donkey? What expectations do you think they had?
4. If you were in the crowd who saw Jesus pass by on the back of a donkey, what would you think? What kind of “King” would you expect to ride on the back of a donkey?
5. How does Jesus confound the idea of a King? Does his embodiment of “Kingship” make you want to be a part of his Kingdom? Why or why not?
6. Within this one week, Jesus will experience the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. Describe a time in your life where you experienced both of these extremes. Describe how your faith was helpful or not helpful in navigating the “ups and downs” of that time.

SECTION 2 – PRAYER

Spend some time in conversation about who it is that you might want to invite to come to Easter service with you this Sunday. Pray for invitations, for the people who will

receive invitations, and for us as a church to be prepared to welcome anyone and everyone who might want to share the celebration of Easter with us.