



Revolution: Palm Sunday MARCH 28 & 29, 2015

One of the challenges with anything that happens every year is to continue to approach it with freshness and meaning. This week's message intends to break Holy Week into its component parts helping us capture the deeper meaning and the larger picture of Jesus' work leading up to Easter. Enhancing the experience are some video clips which may help expand our imagination and provide a more accurate understanding of what it was like for Jesus, the disciples and others to experience the most important events in their history to that point.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

What part of Holy Week (events between and including Palm Sunday and Easter) would you most have wanted to be present to witness? What would that have been like - can you describe what you might have experienced?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

How is the Gospel of Luke different than a modern biography of Jesus? What does the author choose to include and exclude? What is Luke's overall purpose?

What are some of the indications that the activity of Holy Week might be part of a larger plan of God rather than a concession to a negative outcome?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What parts of the sermon most challenged you and engaged you to consider Holy Week in new ways?

How do you think the disciples felt about God, God's plan and God's sovereignty as the week moved from the joy of the Triumphal Entry to the eventual arrest and trial? Do you ever feel your life moves between triumph and trial? How do you feel about God in those transitions?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

In the service, the congregation participated saying "Crucify him!" Is there anything in your life, activity and thinking that is "speaking" those words still?

Did you do anything different during Lent? If so how did that go for you? Are there any changes you can begin to bring into your life that would be honoring to God even after Easter?

DIGGING DEEPER

How would you describe the relationship with God and his people from the Garden, to the Ark, to the Temple on to today? What is the significance of God's ongoing effort? What can be learned in considering this history? When was/is it best? Any more stages to come?

GRADUATE LEVEL

Spend an extended period reading and reflecting this week on Psalm 51. What is the heart of David? What does David understand about himself, God and his sin? How does this model help you examine your own heart and confess before Easter?