

LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



The Unexpected King: Palm Sunday Message

As we enter Holy Week, we begin with Palm Sunday—a day of celebration, yet one that carries a quiet sorrow. It marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted by cheers and palm branches, but also sets the stage for the suffering to come. This week, let's reflect not only on the joy of His arrival, but on the kind of King He truly is—humble, misunderstood, yet full of unshakable love.

Upcoming Events

- April 20 – Easter Sunday Service at 6:00 PM
- April 26 – Family Fun Day – Canada Christian College @2:00 PM (see page #4 for more info)



Weekly Sermon Reflection

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem with cheers surrounding Him, cloaks on the ground, palm branches waving. ***“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”*** The people were ready for a revolution.

They thought He would rise up, overthrow Rome, and bring political triumph to Israel. That’s what they wanted—a king of might, not of mercy.

But Jesus didn’t come for earthly thrones. He didn’t come to overthrow Rome—He came to conquer sin and death. He came to restore sinful man with Holy God.

And what kind of king does that? What kind of king rides a donkey instead of a warhorse? What kind of king weeps over the very people who would reject Him? What kind of king kneels to wash the feet of His disciples?

What kind of king is betrayed by a close friend, denied by another, abandoned by all? What kind of king is mocked, spit on, and nailed to a cross—and still prays for His enemies?

Only Jesus stands above them all!

This is the heartbreak of Palm Sunday. The people welcomed Him with joy, but their praise was shallow. When they realized He wasn’t the kind of king they wanted, they turned on Him. The cheers turned into chants: ***“Crucify Him.”***

And yet, knowing all of this, Jesus still rode into the city. He still chose the cross. He still chose us.

Palm Sunday reminds us that God’s ways are not our ways. His kingdom is not built on force, but on love. Not on domination, but on sacrifice. Not on pride, but on humility.

There is no other king like Christ. No other love that runs this deep. He came to be rejected so we could be accepted. He died so we could live.

So as we enter Holy Week, let’s not just celebrate the moment—let’s understand the cost. Let’s remember the King who was praised... then pierced. And let’s welcome Him not just with words, but with hearts ready to follow Him, even to the cross.



Sydel's Daily Devotion Transformation in Christ

Scripture:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." – **2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)**

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." – **Romans 12:2**

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." – **2 Corinthians 3:18**

Reflection:

Transformation in Christ is not just a one-time event—it's a continuous process of renewal. When we accept Christ, we are made new, and everything about our old selves is left behind. But this transformation doesn't stop there. **Romans 12:2** reminds us that we are called to be actively changed, not by the pressures of the world, but by the renewal of our minds, aligning ourselves with God's will. As we behold the glory of the Lord, **2 Corinthians 3:18** tells us that we are becoming more like Him, step by step. It's a journey, not a destination, and it happens gradually as we allow Him to work in our hearts. Our outward lives should reflect the inner work that God is doing in us—our attitudes, actions, and perspectives should transform to align with His.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for making me a new creation in Christ. Help me to continuously renew my mind and align myself with Your will. Let my life reflect Your glory, and transform me into Your image with each passing day. Amen.

This Week's Giving To Date:
04/11-04/17

Living Hope Ministries : \$260.00

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Friday - Anchored Young Adults

Bi-weekly:
Tuesday - Men's Meeting
Wednesday - Women's Coffee Chat

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